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Car drives off Banzai Cliff



Members of the Public School System leadership team, CNMI Board of Education, and Hopwood Middle School pose for a picture with 2020 State Teacher of the Year Victor Cabrera, center, last Friday at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret. MARC A. VENUS

Victor Cabrera is CNMI TOY

By MARC A. VENUS

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A Hopwood Middle School teacher who has been with

the Public School System for over 10 years was recognized last Friday as the 2020 State Teacher of the Year.

Victor Cabrera, a Career

and Technical Education teacher at Hopwood, was named the 2020 CNMI PSS State Teacher of the Year, with members of the Board of Education and PSS surprising him with the recognition during a professional development training session last Friday.

Acting education commissioner Jackie Quitugua said that PSS handed out the

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car was seen driving off the cliff line of Banzai Cliff late Saturday but rescuers have yet to find a body and there is no word yet if the vehicle's driver was a tourist or a CNMI resident.

At about 5:50pm Saturday, the Department of Public Safety received a 911 call reporting that a white sports utility vehicle had driven off Banzai Cliff into the sea.

Upon arriving at the scene, DPS officers noticed damage to World War II monuments and car parts around the cliff line. Officers also noticed items that appeared to be clothing and a bag drifting in the current.

DPS then dispatched its impact rescue boat and did a

search around the waters, but this was later called off due to rough waters and the darkening light conditions.

Dive teams from DPS and the Department of Fire and **Emergency Medical Services** continued their the search yesterday morning and, as of 5:40pm, the team was able to spot the SUV underwater. Saipan Tribune learned that DPS and DFEMS were unable to find a body, and were unable to identify if the vehicle

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Five named humanities awardees

By IVA MAURIN

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Five members of the community have joined the ranks of outstanding individuals who have been give recognition for their contribution to the field of humanities in the CNMI.

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council announced Friday the five recipients of the 22nd Governor's Humanities Awards held at the Charley's Cabaret at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan in San Antonio.

Dr. Boyd Dixon, senior ar-

cheologist with Cardno GS in Guam and the CNMI, was given the Lifetime Achievement Award in the Humanities, for his tireless efforts that go beyond research and publication of the islands' deep history. Dixon is currently working on a paper titled, "Archeological Roots of Louisiana in the Pre-WWII Japanese Sugarcane Plantations of the Northern Marianas Islands in Micronesia," and has produced several technical reports on Saipan and Tinian in the last five years.

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The awardees of this year's Governor's Humanities Awards pose with Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, third from left, and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council board members during the awarding ceremony last Friday at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio. IVA MAURIN

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3 Skymark tickets drum up interest at Autumn Festival

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

With the annual Autumn Festival cancelled last year due to Super Typhoon Yutu, the celebration this year pushed through last Saturday at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan, drawing a huge crowd.

Creating additional excitement at the festival were three roundtrip tickets to Japan that Skymark Airlines Inc. had donated for the evening's raffle to drum up more interest for its first ever regular international service, which will start on Nov. 29 between Saipan and Narita.

Japanese Society of the

Northern Marianas chair Masato Tezuka said the festival was intended to celebrate the CNMI's remarkable recovery from the damage caused by Yutu in October 2018.

Also, Tezuka said the festival is a good occasion to celebrate the new bridge between the CNMI and Japan that will be created by Skymark's presence.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang attended the celebration.

In a separate interview, the festival's emcee, John Hosono, said that, as both Apatang and Tezuka had stated, Skymark will be a bridge between Japan and Saipan.

Hosono said he is very happy to see the large crowd despite the many events happening that same day throughout the island,

He acknowledged the role that Super Typhoon Yutu had in preventing the Japanese Society of the Northern Marianas from hosting the Autumn Festival last year. "Today we're fortunate and thankful that the weather is nice," he said.

The event started at 4pm with a charity bazaar as a fundraising to help the only Japanese school on the island that was damaged by Yutu.

The festival itself began at 5pm and ended at 9pm.

There were traditional demonstrations, songs, music, and dances. Food vendors sold popular Japanese foods. There were game booths for the children.

Hosono's wish for next year is to have just one event for the day.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) said he's happy to see the good turnout despite other big events held on that same day.

"I'm glad to see that the people made time to make it

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Dandan Middle School PTSA meeting set

Dandan Middle School will conduct its Parent Teacher Student Association meeting for school year 2019-2020 on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, at 6pm in the school's cafeteria.

PTSA is hosting the Totot Bash on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, from 5pm to 9pm. We are inviting members of the community for a Family Fun Night with games, booths, and food for all to enjoy!

The school's My WAVE club is inviting everyone for treats on Halloween Evening at the Annual DMS Trick O' Treat from 5pm until all the treats are given away. (PR)

CUC Trunk-or-Treat on Thursday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation cordially invites the public to this year's CUC Trunk-or-Treat on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019, from 5pm to 7pm at the Joeten Dandan parking lot. (PR)

JKPL to host Trunk-Or-Treat anew

The Joeten-Kivu Public Library will be hosting the 8th Annual Community Halloween Trunk-Or-Treat on Oct. 31, 2019, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm at the library's parking lot in Susupe.

Held every year in collaboration with the organization Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the library will be sponsoring a Halloween contest for "Best Trunk" and "Best Recyclable Book Costume."

For more information, call the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library at 235-7322/7323 or email cnmistatelibrary@ gmail.com.

The library will be open briefly this Halloween from 10am to noon.

The library's parking lot will be closed to the public on Oct. 31, 2019, for the Trunk-Or-Treat Event. (PR)

Karidat awarded grant

Catholic Charities USA has awarded Karidat Social Services a 2018 National Disaster Case Management Grant to provide assistance to families who are still trying to recover from Super Typhoon Yutu. The grant will provide short-term rental assistance to families on Saipan and Tinian who meet the eligibility criteria. If you would like more information or would like to schedule an appointment with the caseworker, call the Karidat main office at 234-6981 from Monday to Friday, from 8am to 5pm. (PR)

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Attention: All CNMI veterans be conducting a registration 28, 2019, from 5pm to 7pm the MH-II Building, second ness Park. If you may have 472-7161. (PR)

The Guam Vet Center will drive on Saipan today, Oct. at the VA Outreach Clinic at floor, Marina Heights Busiany questions, contact (671)





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Chinese male seeks ICE's help but is later arrested

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A Chinese national who had sought help from federal agents because he could no longer afford to pay his attorney fee for his immigration case was, instead, arrested last week after he allegedly refused to leave the lobby of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Gualo Rai.

Department of Homeland Security-Federal Protective Service inspector Sean Patrick T. White arrested Cheng Jin for failure to comply with lawful directives of federal police officer, and loitering or disrupting the performance of official duties.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy later allowed Jin's release.

Steven P. Pixley was appointed as counsel for Jin in

his criminal case.

White stated in his affidavit that he had received a call from the Denver Mega Center last Thursday at 1:47pm about a man at the ICE-Enforcement and Removal Operations office in Gualo Rai.

White said the DMC dispatcher stated that a deportation officer called to inform them that the man was in the lobby and was refusing to leave despite several instructions to do so.

White said that when he arrived in the lobby at 1:50pm, he saw Jin sitting with a Russian man.

He recognized Jin, having dealt with him earlier in the month at the same location also because Jin had refused to leave the lobby.

Jin has a pending immigra-

An ICE deportation officer told White he had called him as Jin was refusing to leave the

lobby and was demanding for ICE benefits.

The deportation officer said that Jin was advised that he must go through his lawyer and, unless authorized by the lawyer, should not be going to the ICE office or unless it's to check in with them as noted on their ICE forms.

Jin was also in the ICE lobby the day before (Wednesday) for the whole day and left only when the office was closed at the end of the day. On Thursday, Jin arrived at 9am and sat in the lobby. He was allegedly told to leave numerous times by the deportation officer and others in the office, but refused. This prompted DMC to call White for assistance.

White said Jin tried to hand him a letter when he tried to talk to him.

White said he did not accept the letter and asked Jin to step outside so they could talk and not disrupt government operations as someone else was in the lobby.

Jin walked outside and stood at the doorway, partially blocking one of the doors.

White said he asked Jin to move away from the door because he was blocking it, but he did not respond and just looked at him.

Jin told White he had reason to be in the area. He tried to give White a letter.

White said he told Jin to hold on to the letter.

Jin explained that he is tired of waiting for his immigration court date, and that his attorney's fee is too high, and that he needs help to have a legal status.

Jin stated he had no immigration court hearing that day.

White said Jin stated his lawyer does not know that he was there.

Jin agreed that White gave him a citation last Oct. 3 for obstructing the building's

Corrections, probation officers

entrance and told him not to return unless he is ordered to do so.

White said Jin informed him that he would not leave until he gets help and would continue to come back until he gets help.

White said he moved away and monitored Jin, hoping he would leave.

After a few minutes, White said he told Jin to stop standing near the door and that he needed to leave or he would be arrested.

White said Jin did not comply so he explained he should work with his attorney to resolve the issues.

White said he accepted Jin's letter, but he still refused to leave and stood by the doorway.

White said he arrested Jin at 3:06pm.

This incident is the sec-

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was owned by a tour agency or was owned by a resident as of press time.

A video of items floating on the water—some clothing and a bag—surfaced on Facebook and other messaging applications Saturday night.

ond case of a vehicle driving off Banzai Cliff in two years. Back in 2017, a woman sat by the edge of Banzai Cliff in Marpi, got into her rented car, then drove off the cliff. Police managed to find her body and she was pronounced dead. She was identified to be Jilian He, 22, and was describe to be "a local Chinese female."

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The award for Research and Publication was given to Lynne Michael, who, with a background in ethnomusicology, published the book, Memories and Music, The Japanese Era on Rota, along with accompanying CDs, preserving the unique time in the history of Rota through interviews, songs, and first-person accounts.

500 Sails co-founder Emma Perez was recognized as Outstanding Humanities Teacher in a non-classroom setting. Since moving to Saipan in 2013, Perez has taught over 1,200 swimmers, and has become one of the main "land based" teachers of sailing basics, through 500 Sails, which is dedicated to restore the sailing tradition of the CNMI.

The Outstanding Humanities Teacher in a Classroom Setting award went to Dr. Chas Algaier, who has been involved in education and the humanities in the CNMI for the past 25 years. Algaier was instrumental in the creation of the first baccalaureate degree program in Elementary Education at the Northern Marianas College.

Eric Joel Reyes, founder of Guma Taotao Taga, was given the Humanities Award for the Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices. Reyes is a champion of traditional music and dance, a Fafa'na'gue, which is a certified traditional Chamorro dance instructor, and is producer of the awardwinning Chamorro traditional album of the year, 'Guinaifen I kulu'.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, who was acting governor at the time of the awarding, honored the awardees for their dedication to educating the community, especially the youth, "on the values of the human and the humanities,

whether it be inside or outside the classroom, or on the open ocean revitalizing our culture"

"The humanities celebrate human experience, the human dimension," Palacios said. "[It] teach[es] us how to be critical thinkers and how to make important decisions, not just as policy makers, cultural leaders, community leaders but also as simple human beings. It helps us understand our past so we can create a better future for ourselves, for the next generations."

NMHC chair Polly DLG Masga earlier highlighted the prestige of the awards, saying these awards mean the CNMI is not only recognizing the efforts of the awardees but also the overall impact that these individuals make to the community, and the impact that will follow for generations to come.

"Tonight, we recognize individuals for their contributions through publication, classroom settings, outside of classroom setting, and traditional cultural practices. These elements have all contributed to the realm of humanities in their own distinctive way," Masga said.

Every year, the Humanities Council makes a call from the community to nominate individuals and organizations with outstanding contributions to the humanities.

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here. The Japanese influence has been very important. It's been in the CNMI since the early 1900s. It's nice to keep that going, pass it down from generation to generation," Villagomez said.

The lawmaker said Japan was once the strongest market of the CNMI. He said it's heartening to see that there are efforts being made to bring that market back.

CC and ABTC recognized as law enforcement Guerrero's (R-Saipan) House By ERWIN ENCINARES

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The CNMI House of Representatives has unanimously passed legislation that would recognize the Commonwealth Casino Commission and the Alcohol, Beverage, and Tobacco Control Division as law enforcement agencies.

The House passed with a vote of 16-0 Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan"

SANTA RITA, Guam—He-

licopter Sea Combat Squadron

25 will conduct training today,

Oct. 28, from 4pm to 8pm in

The U.S. Marine Corps will

conduct training on Oct. 28-

29, from noon to 2pm at the is-

land of Farallon de Medinilla.

training on Oct. 31 from 7am

to 7pm at the island of Faral-

This training supports air-

crew combat readiness and is

The U.S. Navy will conduct

outer Apra Harbor.

Bill 21-61, which aims to recognize both CCC and the ABTC agents as law enforcers.

Only law enforcement members are allowed to carry firearms while engaged in their line of official duties, among other benefits.

"Similar to our other respective law enforcement agencies, especially in situations of high life-risking duress,

US military sets multiple trainings

needed to respond to opera-

tional missions throughout the

region to ensure a stable, free,

training on the island of Faral-

lon de Medinilla will be within

a 12-nautical-mile radius of

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Galvez Banks remain open.

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and open Indo-Pacific.

the island.

these officers are usually the first line of defense in not only protecting themselves but the surrounding individuals that are present during such situations," the legislation notes.

There are currently 32 agencies whose agents are recognized as law enforcement, including enforcement officers of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, correctional officers of the Department of

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the public, fishermen, and

marine tour operators re-

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50"N/144°

of the Office of Adult Probation, the sergeant-at-arms of both the House of Representatives and the Senate, police officers of the Department of Public Safety, conservation officers of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the investigators of the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office, among several others.

U.S. Naval Base Guam

These types of trainings

Security Forces will conduct training on Oct. 31 in outer Apra Harbor, from 9am to 1pm. It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. (PR)

11° 00"N/143° 00"E, 45"N/143° 00"E, and 12° The Navy will also conduct training on Oct. 30 from 7am 50"N/144° 30"E. to 4pm at Warning Area 517.

critical to developing the skills For the duration of the ex-

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W-517 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters.

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lon de Medinilla.

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award earlier than is usual as they wanted the presentation to coincide with the celebration of National Principals Month, which is this month, and is a good way to motivate educators in the CNMI.

Board of Education chair Janice Tenorio said that Cabrera was a noteworthy candidate for State Teacher of the Year plum, with many students have recognized him as an excellent educator. In fact, she was surprised that Cabrera did not take up the nomination in past years

in his capacity as a teacher.

"On behalf of the BOE, we would like to congratulate you for this award and we are confident that you will be a great representative at the national level," Tenorio said.

BOE teacher representative and former State Teacher of the Year Paul Miura is confident in Cabrera's selection to represent the CNMI at the national level.

Part of the honor accorded state teachers of the year is meeting the U.S. President the White House and getting together with other teachers of the year for trainings and seminars in the U.S. mainland.

Miura describes his own experience as "once in a lifetime and life-changing."

Speaking later, Cabrera said he is honored to be accorded the same honors as other previous state teachers of the year and to be recognized alongside them. Cabrera thanked former HMS principal Jonas Barcinas, PSS associate commissioner of Accountability, Research and Evaluation Lynette Villagomez, and his longtime friend and fellow Hopwood instructor, Felix Rabauliman.

"I would like to thank Lynette Villagomez as she served as my mentor while I was teaching in WSR," Cabrera

said. He clarified that, prior to becoming a teacher, he was actually focused on business and it was Villagomez who convinced him to try his hand at teaching.

"I would also like to thank Dr. [Rizalina] Liwag for placing her confidence in me as State Teacher of the Year, but there are so many people that I am grateful for," he said.

Cabrera has over 14 years of teaching experience, serving his first six years with William S. Reyes Elementary School and the next eight with Hopwood Middle School. Cabrera currently services as a CTE teacher.

Sinapalo school wins gate/wall decorating contest



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Students and some law enforcers join the NMI Red Ribbon committee members during a roadside waving for an anti-drug awareness campaign along Beach Road across Kristo Rai Church in Garapan Friday afternoon.

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Sinapalo Elementary School on Rota is this year's winner of Red Ribbon Gate/ Wall Decorating Contest in the CNMI, according to NMI Red Ribbon's committee chair Gregory Arriola.

Arriola said Sinapalo Elementary School bested several other schools in the CNMI to get the perpetual trophy.

This year's Red Ribbon campaign theme was "Send a Message. Stay Drug Free."

Arriola said schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota were asked to decorate their walls at their school gates with the Red Ribbon theme.

Last year's Red Ribbon Gate Decorating Contest winner was Dandan Elementary School.

The Red Ribbon campaign is intended to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse. The campaign has reached millions of children and has been recognized

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Arriola and Edward Talbot, the Drug Enforcement Administration resident agentin-charge for Guam and the CNMI, led Friday afternoon's Red Ribbon's roadside waving for motorists along Beach Road in front of Kristo Rai Church in Garapan.

CNMI Customs, District Court employees, Saipan Southern High School, and other schools participated in the 30-minute roadside waving for drug awareness.

Talbot said the roadside waving is part of the Red Ribbon event sponsored by DEA and other contributing agencies and entities throughout the United States, the Marianas, and U.S. territories.

Arriola said the red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement that gives tribute to one of the DEA officers, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was kidnapped and killed by a drug cartel while investigating drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985.

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was organized in 1986 by a grassroots organization of parents concerned about the destruction caused by alcohol and drug abuse.

"It's been going on for a few years now and it's really taking some great strives," Talbot said.

Guam started the program a little bit longer than the CNMI, Talbot said, but that CNMI has been doing great job on the three islands.

Talbot said they did an awareness campaign at the Marianas High School last Friday and in Oleai Thursday.

"It's been a great event. It's

a drug awareness program to inform the youth to stay away from drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and any other illegal substances," Talbot said.

The campaign provides communities with a forum to bring together parents, schools, and businesses to find new and innovative ways to keep children drug free.

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US House OKs 7 years imprisonment for animal cruelty

By ERWIN ENCINARES erwin encinares@saipantribune.com

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed legislation that would possibly make it a federal offense to subject animals to cruelty or other serious bodily harm.

With a possible penalty of seven years of imprisonment, the U.S. House unanimously

passed U.S. Rep. Theodore PACT Act, achieved what Pub-Deutch's (D-FL) H.R. 724 on Oct. 22, 2019. The legislation seeks to make a federal offense the acts of intentionally crushing, burning, drowning, suffocating, impaling or otherwise subjecting an animal to serious bodily harm.

The legislation, also known as the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act or the

lic Law 111-294, or the Animal Crush Video Prohibition Act, didn't achieve—addressing the act of animal abuse, according to Deutch. Former U.S. president Barack Obama enacted the law in 2010.

Deutch noted that, according to congressional records, P.L. 111-294 merely banned the creation and distribution of

animal crush videos but not the underlying act of animal abuse.

"...We must make animal abuse a federal crime," Deutch said in a statement. "This bill has received so much bipartisan support, because Americans care about animal welfare. We form deep relationships with our companion animals and are rightfully outraged by cases of animal abuse. Animal rights activities stand up for living things that do not have a voice. That is what the PACT Act does."

The legislation now heads to the U.S. Senate for review

and action, which co-sponsor U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL) said had a good chance of garnering support.

"We are optimistic it will pass the Senate, which has already supported the bill in two previous sessions of Congress," he said.

Resiliency festival marked one year since Yutu

By MARC A. VENUS

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REPORTER

Over 100 spectators came together with government organizations and non-profit groups last Saturday at the Marianas Business Plaza for a celebration of the many progresses the CNMI has made since Super Typhoon Yutu wreaked havoc on the CNMI last October 2018.

The first-ever Resiliency Fest, organized by the Lady Diann Torres Foundation in collaboration with various government agencies, drew spectators to featured performances by the John Dank

Show and local artists like Studio 29:11, Saipan Music & Dance Studio, Goddhy, Dagu Diggers, and Big Jay Selepeo.

Relief goods were distributed at the festival. There were also artworks, with the LDTF unveiling the final work of the foundation's Project Aligi, which featured local artists showcasing their artworks in concrete power poles throughout the island with a recurring topic of resiliency in the CNMI.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres himself attended the festival and thanked the entire CNMI and assured that recovery efforts are continuing and that

the CNMI government continues to work with federal partners such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

First lady Diann Torres acknowledged the help of the CNMI Governor's Office, the Saipan Mayor's Office, and the Commonwealth Health Care Corp.'s Crisis Counseling Program for making this program possible. "Without their help, this event would not be possible, especially through the planning to make it happen," she said. "You are all here because you are all strong, and you've got something to celebrate, which is our resiliency."





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IPI mum on community chest payments

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC has not responded to inquiries on reported financial reports suggesting its failure to comply with a provision of the amended Casino License Agreement.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments from IPI soon after House Gaming Committee chair Rep. Ralph Yumul's (R-Saipan) asked the Commonwealth Casino Commission and the CNMI Lottery Commission in a letter dated Oct. 18, 2019, updates on the status of IPI's payments to the Community Benefit Fund, or CBF.

In a CNMI Lottery Commission meeting on April 25, 2017, the Casino License Agreement, or CLA, was amended at the request of IPI to set new deadlines for it to contribute to the CBF.

IPI was allowed to delay \$10 million payments to the CBF Jan. 1, 2018, and another \$10 million payment to the fund no later than June 1, 2018. IPI is also mandated to make subsequent payments of \$20 million annually to the CBF beginning on or before Oct. 1, 2019, according to the amendment, which would be used to fund education, scholarships, infrastructure, health care, and employee retirement benefits.

However, citing "audited financial statements for the years ended Dec. 31, 2017, and Dec. 31, 2018," Yumul noted that IPI's payment to the CBF for 2018 is short by \$17 million. Yumul further asked the Lottery Commission and the CCC whether IPI has already made the \$20 million CBF payment for 2019, which had a deadline of Oct. 1, 2019.

Saipan Tribune reached out to IPI chief executive officer Mark Brown Thursday afternoon but he has not responded as of publication. Saipan Tribune also reached out to press secretary Kevin Bautista for comments from the Torres administration, but he said that Commerce Sec-

Atkins Kroll to host 2nd trunkor-treat at Toyota showroom

Atkins Kroll is inviting children of all ages to enjoy car trunks full of candy, as well as face paintings and a photo booth this Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6pm to 9pm, at the Toyota showroom in Oleai.

All cars in the showroom will be spiced up for Halloween, and the trunks will be filled with candies. Children can come in and visit the trunk of every car and get some candy.

"We want to show the community that we care, and we want to give the kids something to look forward to [this Halloween]," said AK general manager Clark Boswell.

In last year's Trunk or Treat,

the AK showroom was awash with residents in festive costumes, from zombies to magical genies to superheroes. AK employees also wore masks and decorated the display vehicles.

Boswell looks forward to hosting another Halloween celebration this year. "Last year's trunk or treat was hugely successful. Over 300 residents enjoyed our festivities in 2018 and this year, we're thrilled to share an equally exciting, fun-filled Halloween with the island."

On Halloween night, the Toyota showroom will open its doors to all trunk-or-treaters at 6pm. There is no entrance fee. (Iva Maurin)

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retary Mark Rabauliman, who is also the CNMI Lottery Commission chief, would be issuing a statement

Rabauliman told Saipan Tribune in a brief exchange over the weekend that he would be meeting with commissioners from the CCC and the Lottery Commission to discuss the matter.

"My office is in receipt of [Yumul's] letter," Rabauliman said. Besides requesting for updates on the status of the 2018 CBF payments, Yumul also asked for information on any actions that either the CCC or the Lottery Commission have taken on the matter.

"I just received the letter so I don't have the information, hence I am setting up a meeting with the commissioner[s] to ascertain any information relative to the letter by [Yumul]," he said, responding to requests to verify Yumul's claims in the letter.

Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) in a four-page letter dated June 12, 2019, also wrote Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' office regarding the CBF.

Manglona previously stressed that, based on his letter, he just wanted to hear from the CNMI Department of Finance and the Lottery Commission about the status of the CBF as required in the CLA.

Manglona did not confirm if Torres' office responded to his letter. (Erwin Encinares)

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CUC lifts its 'boil water notice' for Saipan

The need to boil tap water before use is no longer necessary for the island of Saipan, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in a notice last Friday. The CUC notice said that its

Water Lab collected and tested samples of Saipan's water system last Oct. 22 and 24, 2019, and that no pathogens were found in the water system.

28, 2019. Customers will be informed of the results and if the boil water notice is still in effect.

CUS customers on Saipan Tinian's water system is and Tinian water systems were

a precautionary health advisory and were advised to boil their water before use after Typhoon Bualoi.

For more information, con-

scheduled for testing today, Oct. notified last Oct. 22, 2019, of tact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page for the latest

updates (https://www.facebook. com/CommonwealthUtilities-Corporationl). (PR)

Supreme Court affirms decision in Triple J case

On Oct. 23, 2019, the CNMI Supreme Court issued its opinion in Triple J Saipan, Inc. v. Muna, affirming the trial court's order regarding timeliness of petitioner's procurement protest and denying petitioner's motion for a stay, order denying respondents' motion for reconsideration, and remand to Public School System.

In 2017, Triple J participated in a competitive bidding for the procurement of five school buses. After learning PSS awarded the contract to a different party, Triple J filed a procurement protest. The Commissioner of Education found the agency lacked jurisdiction to hear the protest under the procurement regulations. An appeal of the decision to PSS' board of appeals committee was denied on the same grounds. The trial court found the agency did have jurisdiction to hear Triple J's protest and remanded the case to PSS to entertain the merits of that protest. PSS filed a motion for reconsideration, which the court denied.

On appeal, PSS argued the trial court: 1) deprived PSS of procedural due process; 2) abused its discretion in remanding the case to PSS; and 3) abused its discretion in denying its motion for reconsideration.

The Supreme Court found that there is no absolute protected interest in process itself-a recognized substantive right must be altered for the procedures to be protected by procedural due process. It also held that the trial court did not abuse its discretion in expediting the proceedings or in adopting its own interpretation of procurement regulations. The trial court need not defer to agency interpretations that are plainly unreasonable.

Finally, PSS failed to provide sufficient legal basis for its last argument that the trial court abused its discretion in denying the motion for reconsideration.

The high court's full opinion is available at http://cnmilaw.org/pdf/supreme/2019-MP-08.pdf. (PR)





NEW DIRECT FLIGHTS

Skymark Airlines Inc. president Masahiko Ichie, center, announces at a press conference in Tokyo, Japan, on Oct. 24, 2019, the launch of regular, direct flights between Tokyo and the Marianas beginning Nov. 29, 2019. From left are a cabin attendant, executive director Manabu Motohashi, Ichie, executive director Katsuya Kato, and an airline captain. Ticket sales begin Nov. 1, 2019.

At a press conference in Tokyo, Japan, on Oct. 24, 2019, Skymark Airlines chair Nobuo Sayama announces the launch of regular, direct daily flights between Tokyo and the Marianas beginning Nov. 29, 2019. The airline also launched its new brand, Your Wing



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



Office of the Executive Director



REPAIR OF OIL STORAGE TANKS – CUC SAIPAN AND ROTA POWER PLANTS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the Repair of Oil Storage Tanks – CUC Saipan and Rota power plants, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Most of the tanks are still

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-bid Conference and a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 23 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan and **October 24 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at CUC Rota Power Plant, Songsong Village, Rota, to ensure that the contractors are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "IFB CUC-19-038: Repair of Oil Storage Tanks, CUC Saipan and Rota power plants" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of *one hundred percent (100%)* of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less then the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Contractors are advised that the work will be carried out as a part of CUC response actions under the terms of Stipulated Order No. 2 (SO 2). CUC may split the contract work based on island location, i.e. separate contracts for the island of Sajana and Rota in the best interest of expediency and competit rates. Project performance quality would be verified by third party quality assurance specialists with certified and approved credentials.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 28, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, and a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, and a copy to cucgov.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

MANNY BOYER SABLAN



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS **CUC-IFB-19-040**

Waste characterization and Disposal - CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1 and Rota Power Plant

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the Waste characterization and disposal - CUC Saipan power plant 1 and Rota power plant, the Commonwealth of the Northern

Contractors are advised that the work will be carried out as a part of CUC response actions under the terms of Stipulated Order No.2 (SO 2).

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the ĈUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A mandatory site visit and pre-bid meeting is scheduled on October 10, 2019 at 10.00am (ChST) at CUC Power Plant 1 Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan, to ensure that the contractors are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "IFB-19-040: Waste Characterization and Disposal - CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1 and Rota Power Plant" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than October 29, 2019 at 10.00 AM (ChST) at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less that the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 14, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Pranhakara, Utility Coordinator/ ATMO via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO

MANNY BOYER SABLAN **Purchasing Administrator**



To the Peoples of the Mariana Islands:

Since 1954, Bahá'ís have been members of the Marianas community. CHamoru, Filipinos, Carolinians, and members of the many ethnic groups represented in the Marianas' population make up the Bahá'í community today and continue the work begun when the first resident Bahá'ís, Cynthia and Edgar Olson, arrived on Guam and settled in Inarajan. Like within the hearts of people around the world, the hearts of island residents were captured by the Bahá'í message of unity, diversity and the welfare of the collective humanity.

This year on October 28th the Bahá'ís and their friends in the Mariana Islands will join millions of people worldwide in commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of the Báb, a Divine Educator, Whose advent had been long-awaited and Whose influence would reform the world. Like other Divine Educators in the past, the Báb's teachings propel mankind into the next stage of maturity and shape human thought and action thereafter. The Báb's mission was "to purge and purify, uproot withered and spent customs of a wayward age and to wash away the obscuring dust from the eyes of those blinded by illusion."

In the Báb's six-year ministry, He had a special object in view. He was the Herald of One greater than Himself and He sought to prepare people for the imminent appearance of Bahá'u'lláh, the Glory of God. Bahá'u'lláh – the second of these Twin Luminaries is the prophet founder of the Bahá'í Faith. "Consider His Teaching that humanity is one people, or that women are equal with men, or that education must be universal, or that rational investigation of the truth must prevail over fanciful theories and prejudices." His teachings, which the Bahá'ís follow today, inaugurated a new stage in social evolution: the stage of the unification of the entire human family and the need for a global consciousness.

Across all nations, a large segment of the world's people now agrees with the fundamental values set out by Bahá'u'lláh for the upliftment and progress of society. Above all, Bahá'í communities define themselves by their commitment to the oneness of humanity. Programs of practical actions center on spiritual precepts and focus the light of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings on the chronic problems that afflict the societies around them.

The Bahá'í message stands out as a universal one, embodying the highest ideals of all humanity not for one place or one people, but for all places and all peoples.

Communities here in the Mariana Islands are learning how to work together to contribute to the upliftment of all. Women and men, youth and adults, are learning to serve together to apply these teachings for the betterment of their communities. These efforts are the continuation of a process set in a motion upon the arrival of the Olsons some 65 years ago. All who call the Mariana Islands their home are welcome to find their place in this process.

As we commemorate the bicentenary of the Birth of The Báb, we invite you to reflect on the following words from the governing body of the Bahá'í Faith, the Universal House of Justice:

"Let every one who is awake to the condition of the world, and to the persistent evils that warp the lives of its inhabitants, heed Bahá'u'lláh's call to selfless and steadfast service...What else will rescue the world but the efforts of countless souls who each make the welfare of humanity their principal, their dominating concern?"

National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the Mariana Islands

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Far from the tree: Facebook, Apple and other tech giants under necessary scrutiny



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg arrives for a House Financial Services Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, on Facebook's impact on the financial services and housing sectors.

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nder Congress' klieg lights, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg tried to defend his company's plans to launch a digital currency, while politicians laid into him for not policing paid and unpaid political speech more aggressively.

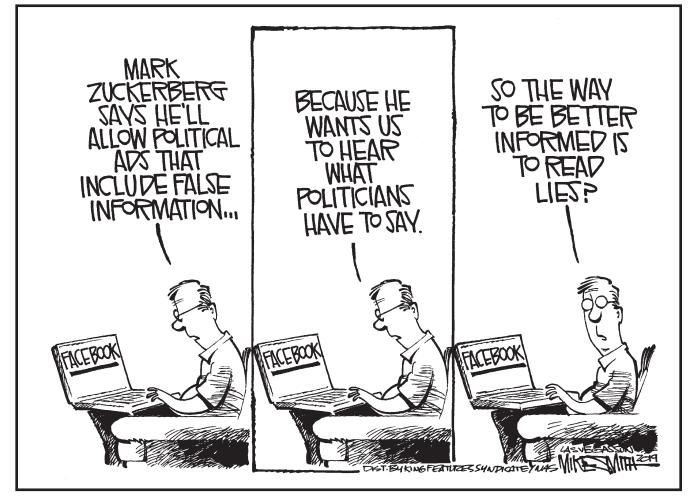
Here, we sympathize with Zuckerberg, whose business has run roughshod over privacy rights, has dominated the advertising business and invites serious antitrust scrutiny: While a company built to facilitate communications, that enables billions upon billions of interactions a day, must do more to purge clearly bigoted speech, terrorist incitement, malicious deepfake videos, foreign money meddling in American elections and other outright lawbreaking, it should ban content only in extreme cases, and stay far away from picking partisan sides.

Policing of political speech for truthfulness is a dangerous road to go down.

Meantime, another tech giant, Apple, showed what can happen when a corporation too easily bends to a government's will to purge content it considers dangerous: Knuckling under to Beijing's pressure, Apple deleted from its App Store the HKmap.live, which had been a vital tool for Hong Kong's protesters to avoid police and locate demonstrations.

Err on the side of freedom. These days, that's what qualifies as thinking different.

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Walt's language blues

t has become increasingly challenging for me to endure, much less enjoy, what passes for news and entertainment in modern U.S. society. Although I haven't owned a television in over 20 years, I do keep up with the goings-on in the world through podcasts, radio shows, and documentaries, along with all the mindless entertainment you can find online, which I hope would provide occasional distraction from my writing.

Lately, however, I find myself having to stop watching these videos, shutting them off and deleting them in frustration! Why? It's the language, the use—or, more accurately, the misuse—of words, the bad grammar, the negativity, the vulgarity, the profanity.

Let me explain.

I'm a firm believer in the truth that you become what you think about; you become what you focus on; you become what you listen to and what you watch; you become who you associate with. In other words, the images and sounds that enter your mind through your eyes and ears have an effect on your mood as well as your health, emotional, mental and spiritual states.

Consequently, I'm very vigilant and discriminating about what I allow myself to be subjected to. I refuse to allow destructive, sadistic, negative, ignorant or vulgar language or images into my mind—whether it be the scenes in certain movies and programs, the lyrics of certain songs, the constant barrage of reports of misogyny, corruption, violence and racism that pass as "news," or the attitudes of people I meet. It may seem extreme to some, but I will exit situations, conversations and even relationships to avoid such exposure.

Lately, however, what's been most maddening has been what I see as the decay of language. I encounter it in online videos and the public comments section of those videos. I hear it in the newscasts perpetrated by supposedly educated reporters. Words are being misused and mispronounced. Rules of grammar are being ignored. Punctuation is virtually nonexistent! Contractions are the order of the day in this new paradigm. People are even saying "OMG" now in face-to-face conversation!

There are those who believe that language will and should evolve to meet the needs of each generation. I respect that sentiment, but I also believe some things should be inviolate—that there should be some hard and fast standards we all agree to uphold.

Recently, in a single video on YouTube, I found myself assaulted by so many instances of mispronounced and misused words, bad grammar and poor style—each like a fingernail scraping on a blackboard—that I simply had to turn it off! This video did, however, make it easy to list a good number of my pet peeves!

Listen and look for yourself! All across the news, entertain-

By WALT GOODRIDGE

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Walt F.J. Goodridge is author of over 24 books and conducts writers' workshops to help those with a passion for writing publish their work. Join the group at http://saipanwriters.com to be notified of upcoming workshops.



ment and social media landscapes, people are writing or saying:

"excape" ("escape" incorrectly pronounced) instead of "escape" (correctly pronounced)

Sadly, this was actually said—repeatedly—by police and prison authorities in a documentary on prison escapes.

• "Nukular" ("nuclear" incorrectly pronounced) instead of "nuclear" (correctly pronounced)

Does it worry you even a little bit that politicians who vote on sending the nation to war, and even a few past presidents who held the nuclear missile launch codes aren't able to pronounce this word correctly?

• "they" used as a possessive (incorrect); instead of "their" (correct)

Use: The bikers had to park THEIR (not "they") motorcycles on the sidewalk.

■ "have went" or "had went" (incorrect) instead of "have gone" (correct)

This part of speech is called the past participle. Examples: "I have gone there many times." "She has gone there also." "She has seen me there as well."

- "at" unnecessarily (e.g. "Where are they at?" (incorrect) Try "Where are they?" or "Where are you?" instead.
- "should of" (incorrect) instead of "should have" (correct)
 Use: "I could have, should have and would have paid more attention in English class."
- "Continue on" (poor style) instead of "continue" (correct)
 Use: "We continued our journey." Continue means keep on, carry on, go on; therefore, there is no need to use "on."
- all manner of vulgar curse words, even in informational videos

How can I, in good conscience, refer an otherwise informative video to parents or teachers to educate their children on a given topic if the narrator is cursing inappropriately and unnecessarily to make his or her point.

■ the "N-word," gratuitously

It's not a word with which I grew up in Jamaica, only heard

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One year later: Stay connected to what matters most

ct. 24 marked the one-year anniversary of Super Typhoon Yutu's landfall in the Marianas. It's a time to count our blessings and to remember that when we unite as a community, we can overcome any challenge.

As we reflect on this anniversary, I want to applaud all the organizations and businesses that stepped up to help our community recover.

I want to thank our sister company, IP&E, and our partner, SK Telecom, for helping us donate \$250,000 in funds and much-needed items for the recovery effort.

I want to thank our IT&E team that worked tirelessly to restore mobile services to our subscribers in the Marianas. The day after the typhoon, our teams were assessing damage, restoring mobile services and attending to generators to maintain our service. Our wireline services, including landline telephone and internet, remained operable.

When disaster strikes, our natural reaction is to call our loved ones to let them know that we're safe. Being connected to family and friends during a natural disaster is crucial and fundamental to the wellbeing of our friends, neighbors and family.

For an upcoming campaign, we heard first-hand from several of our subscribers about their experience during the storm and

how being connected made a big difference for them.

We heard from a member of the emergency response industry that was coordinating relief efforts on Tinian. He was able to use his mobile device and data to stay connected with his organizations and all the residents seeking help. We heard from a public servant on Saipan who was busing vulnerable residents to shelters as Yutu approached, using his mobile phone to get directions from panicked residents.

In the aftermath, connecting with family, friends and the community is key to rebuilding.

During our interviews for the campaign, families told us about how they kept their and their children's minds off the hardships by watching their favorite shows and movies. We heard from a nonprofit organization that performed outreach to the community and aided residents.

This weekend, the First Lady Diann Torres Foundation hosted the Resiliency Fest in recognition of the anniversary of Yutu. The event was an opportunity for us to remember that, no matter the challenges and hardships, we are strong and are resilient, both individually and as a community.

IT&E donated internet services so that the festival was streamed live online. We thank first lady Diann Torres and her foundation for giving us the opportunity to contribute to this fan-

By ROSE SOLEDAD

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Rose A. Soledad is the general manager of IT&E. She has over 27 years of experience in the telecommunications industry.



tastic event.

By streaming the event, we showed the whole world that we continue to persevere. We know friends and family off-island were watching, proving that one doesn't need to be physically here in our islands to be #marianasstrong.

That's the power of technology. Our bonds are already strong, but the network at IT&E is the tool to maintain those bonds.

In closing, we are blessed this year to have been spared the full wrath of Typhoon Hagibis, which brushed past the CNMI only to go on to devastate Japan. We are also blessed that Typhoon Bualoi simply passed the CNMI without much damage.

But no matter what comes our way, we are resilient. We will overcome. We will continue to stay connected to what matters most.

America is failing Retail 101

t was a bad week for retail in the United States. I haven't looked up statistics, but I am The Generic Consumer, and I can tell you that America is failing Retail 101 and is on the verge of flunking Customer Service unless it can get the notes from somebody who's been paying attention.

My awareness of the peril was triggered by the process of trying to buy a new phone. I had sufficient funds and a focused need for a specific product. Straightforward, right?

I sincerely believe it would have been easier to convert to any major religion, secure a new job and find a legal parking space in a cosmopolitan city—simultaneously—than it was to acquire a new phone from Apple.

As a longtime and devoted Apple fan, the kind who argues with non-fruit users, I was particularly frustrated; I wanted it all to go smoothly. I wanted to be able to brag. I wanted that lovely glow of self-righteousness that makes Mac users intolerable to others.

The problem probably started when I refused to call the process of purchasing the device an "upgrade." When I buy a new roll of toilet paper, I do not refer to it as "upgrading" my toilet paper even if, for some uncanny reason, the new roll is slightly better than the previous one.

In the same respect, I do not "upgrade" my soap, my kitty litter, my seltzer or my toothpaste. I buy new stuff when the old stuff is depleted. It's not that I want anything shiny and new for the sake of it, but I do require stability and recognizable ingredients. In that respect, it's pretty much like dating, at least as I remember it.

But now it's as if buying a new phone is like winning some kind of contest. I felt as if I were in a bidding war for the color I wanted, not that I actually care, because I'll get a case to prevent the thing from shattering the first time it falls out of my bra strap, which is where I tuck it to have long conversations on speaker phone as I walk around the house doing chores.

It didn't take mere hours to get what I wanted. It took days—not to mention lengthy on-line chats, then actual human-being phone calls (made from my landline) and finally petty threats about switching to the carrier who uses tin cans and string.

And all I really wanted was for a retailer to take my money and, in exchange, give me the item I purchased. Retailers, however, no longer seem prepared to make these kinds of tawdry deals. It's not just Apple.

On another day, I tried to buy four towels, four washcloths and a bath mat from a major department store. It was tough enough to locate a clearly overworked sales associate—she had to go to the back to see whether they had, in stock, an actual bath mat in the same color as the towels—but then this poor soul started asking me to fill out forms for a store credit card that would give me 4 percent savings over a lifetime of purchases, meaning I could get \$11.45 if I paid on time until I dropped dead but would be charged \$7,873,974 in fees every month if I was late because their interest rate is higher than my weight and then also they could put a lien on my house.

It was not a happy shopping experience.

On another day, I called one of those nationally adver-

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The Hartford Courant

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tised delivery services to have food from a little local place brought to my office so that some terrific students could have a good lunch. I'd have been delighted by the irony of the delivery service not being able to deliver, but the mood was ruined. I had to pick up the food myself, which meant losing my campus parking space, and the students couldn't wait around. They went off to class lunchless, looking like the cast of "Oliver!"

Board members, officers, executives, directors, managers, client service experts and geniuses: We, the consumers, want you to succeed. We dearly want to believe you know what you're doing—and that you care about our respect and appreciation. It doesn't take much to make us feel both looked after and loyal. But it doesn't take much to make us feel like fools, either, and we're less afraid to talk about it.

Caveat venditor: let the seller beware. The guy with the tin cans is now offering a 10 percent discount.

WALT

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it for the first time when I came to America and have never uttered it, so given its historical origins, I simply can't relate to or abide its use in everyday speech by celebrities, comedians, and the general public.

"could care less" (incorrect) instead of "couldn't care less" (correct)

This one's pretty evident, but just in case: If you COULD care less, that means you do care and that there's a lower level of caring you could get to. If you COULDN'T care less, that means you've reached the bottom level of caring, which is where, I believe you wish to be, right?

■ other misused or confused pairs and trios, including "loose/lose," "their/there/they're," "to/too," "its/it's"

...and finally, the one that's been sweeping the nation:

• "literally" (used as a synonym for "unbelievably," "practically," "actually," "amazingly," "virtually," and every other adverb known to man.)

Definition: The word "literally" should be used to describe an action or situation that is typically a metaphor. For example, the phrase "walking on eggshells" is a metaphor that typically refers to someone being extremely careful about his or her behavior for fear of offending another. (Use: "Because of his alcoholic father's tendency to get mad at the slightest perceived provocation, John grew up walking on eggshells around him.") Therefore, if

you, for instance, dropped a dozen eggs on the floor, and then had to tread across them to get to the mop, you might say, "I was literally walking on eggshells," meaning you were doing something in reality that is typically only metaphorical in nature. Tip: if there's no metaphor being referenced, you're using it incorrectly!

Putting together both the written and spoken violations would result in something like this (Trust me, it's not as far-fetched as it seems!):

"There's literally no way to excape they bad grammar. Its like they could care less about it to. Sometimes I wonder if they had went to school at all. If they did, they should of continued on with there education in the *\$(^*\$)(*^[insert expletive] school where they were at. I'm loosing my mind!" [Can you find all 13 violations?]

Yes, the language is devolving their grammar's incorrect A sign of times no doubt I'm sure but what if left unchecked?

Entertainment is just vulgar all the comedy's profane News anchors are no better and it's driving me insane!

The spelling is atrocious the speaking just sounds dumb

The parts of speech forgotten and their future's looking glum

It's all across the spectrum yes, no matter who they are Presidents and politicians speak like sailors in a bar

I never learned Emoji and it's not my native tongue I can't relate to music nor the way the songs are sung

Perhaps I'll just get over it Forget or just forgive Some say that language must reflect the world in which we live

I wouldn't be the first to rant and rail against things new My only consolation? If you write and say, "Me too!"

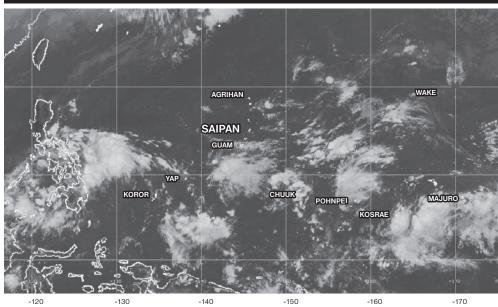
Walt's Friday Life Rhyme #491 "Rant & Rhyme: Walt's Language Blues" (See archives at http://www.liferhymes.com). Leave your comment below this article on the www.saipantribune.com website. Be careful, though! The language police are on patrol!

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 12:24 PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019 Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers over the CNMI with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over and south of Guam. These are due to an upper-level low shown by water vapor imagery to be near Saipan. The VAD wind profile indicates east-northeast winds of 10 to 15 knots through the lowest 8 thousand feet of the air. Above this they increase a bit, reaching 20 to 30 knots. Then, around 22 to 24 thousand feet, the winds turn and start coming from the west at 20 to 30 knots through 40 thousand feet, and perhaps beyond. The buoys reveal combined seas of 4 to 6 feet, composed of an east-northeast swell and a north swell plus some wind waves.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°

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Beijing	Showers	59° / 34°
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	84° / 75°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	87° / 76°
London	Showers	63° / 54°
Los Angeles	Sunny	89° / 64°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°
Melbourne	Showers	59° / 48°
Miami	Thunderstorms	87° / 83°
New York	Sunny	66° / 52°
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	73° / 61°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	64° / 52°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	66° / 48°
Rome	Showers	75° / 57°
Salem	Showers	71° / 63°
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Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	75° / 65°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	68° / 54°



Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; BC SkyMark ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Christmas in the Marianas to begin Nov. 30

The Marianas Visitors Authority. PDM Promoters. Inc.. Team PDI, and other travel partners will host five Saturdays of Christmas in the Marianas beginning Nov. 30, 2019.

The five-week celebration will feature holiday entertainment for visitors and residents each Saturday evening at Paseo de Marianas in downtown Garapan.

The official Christmas Tree and Christmas trees decorated by local schools will be lit on Nov. 30 at the pedestrian mall at 6pm, followed by Christmas caroling from 7pm to 10pm on Dec. 7, Christmas caroling will be held from 6pm to 10pm on Dec. 14, a Christmas parade will be held at 6pm from Garapan Fishing Base north on Beach Road to Paseo de Marianas, where a costume show will follow on-stage. The evening's entertainment will also include award ceremonies for the various contests held for schools. Dec. 21 will feature a special night with Skymark Airlines, a Japanese carrier expected to launch regular direct flights from Tokyo to Saipan this year. Additional holiday entertainment will highlight the final evening on Dec. 28 from 6pm to 10pm.

"Everyone is invited to join the Christmas in the Marianas, which will kick off with the lighting of the Christmas trees at Paseo de Marianas on Thanksgiving weekend." said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "The students and teachers are very excited about this year's celebration and, through the support of PDI, PDM Promoters, and our other partners, we are looking forward to one of the best Christmas in the Marians events we've ever had."

Schools interested to join

USCIS starts making security-enhanced travel docs

US Naval Base Guam chief, Guam veterans discuss base access, privileges for 2020

To prevent secure document tampering, counterfeiting, and fraud, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services started producing last Oct. 24 a new security-enhanced U.S. travel document, which is a booklet that looks similar to a U.S. passport and serves dual purposes. The travel document can serve in place of:

■ Form I-327, Permit to Reenter the United States: Lawful permanent residents

use the Reentry Permit to return from temporary travel outside of the United States and, in some cases, may use a Reentry Permit for travel in place of a passport; and

■ Form I-571, Refugee Travel Document: Those with refugee or asylum status use a Refugee Travel Document if they wish to temporarily travel outside of the United States and, in some cases, may use a Refugee Travel Document for travel in place of a passport.

- The new travel document will include a variety of secure features:
- ☐ Redesigned booklet cover ☐ Four montages containing three images, each of notable U.S. architec-

ture, used throughout the

- booklet ☐ A combination of first-, second- and third-level security features (overt, covert and forensic)
- ☐ Overt is something you can see with the eye, such as the central image of the Statue of Liberty.
- ☐ Covert is something that requires a tool, such as a magnifying glass, to see fine detail artwork.
- ☐ Forensic is something that requires laboratory examination.

Prior versions of the travel document will remain valid until their expiration date. (PR)

Tree Decorating (all schools), Christmas caroling (elementary and middle school), Christmas Parade and costume show (all schools), or skits (high school) may contact lead event coordinator and MVA community projects specialist Ray Villagomez at rvillagomez@mymarianas.com or 1 (670) 664.3200/1.

The school trees, decorated with recyclable material, will remain on display at the pedestrian mall in Saipan's main tourist district until after New Year's. Seventeen trees are available on a first-come, firstserve basis through application with the MVA.

the contests for Christmas

Dec. 21 and 28 will feature individual acts; interested musicians and performers may contact the MVA to apply.

Participating schools are Oleai, Koblerville, Gregorio T. Camacho, San Vicente, Garapan, William S Reyes, and Kagman elementary schools; Hopwood, Chacha Ocean View, Dandan, and Tanapag middle schools; Kagman and Saipan Southern high schools; Agape Christian School, Saipan Community School, Green Meadow School, Saipan International School, Northern Marianas International School, Grace Christian Academy, Brilliant Star, and Mount Carmel School. (MVA)



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NOTICE OF BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that the Board Committees or Airport Facilities and Financial Affairs will be holding regular meetings on Friday, November 01, 2019, beginning 8:00 a.m. in the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom located in the Airport Fire Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International

AGENDA

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (August 16, 2019)
- **Public Comments** III. Old Business: NONE
- New Business:
 - . Business Gross Revenue Tax (BGRT) . Airline Users Agreement
 - Star Marianas Air
 - Supplemental Budget Request

 - Insurance Premiums
 5. Supplemental Budget Request:
 Biometric Timeclock System (Upgrade)
 - 6. Supplemental Budget Request: Rota
 - Automated Weather Observation System

 Saipan Airport Master Plan Update
 - Amendment No. 2 8. Saipan Airport CPA Accounting
 - CIQ Office Renovations—
 A&E Design Services
 9. Updated Committee Report
- Executive Session (if needed)
- VI. Miscellaneous/Announce
- VII. Adjournment

AIRPORT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

- Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (August 8, 2019 and August 15, 2019) Public Comments

- . CUC Water well near Tandem Skydive
- General Aviation Updates New Business:

 1. Airport Operators Committee Report
- Saipan Commuter Parking
 Tinian International Airport Car
- Rental Concession

 a. Scope of Concession
- b. Procurement Method
- c. Evaluation Plan Update on Tandem Skydive Lease (Former Freedom Air Hangar) Sand Filtration and Water Catchment
- New Terminal Part 139 Inspection Reports
- Electronic signboard Ports Police Office Project
- For information only:
 a. GSN Master Plan Update
- Amendment No.
- b. Saipan Airport CPA Accounting/ CIQ Office Renovations— A&E Design Services c. Supplemental Budget Request
- Rota Automated Weather
- Observation System

 11. Updated Airport Facilities
 Committee Report
 Executive Session (if needed) Miscellaneous/Ani

Persons are welcome to attend and to submit

written or oral testimony on the agenda items. It time limit may be imposed. for oral testimony.

Pete P. Reyes Seaport Facilities Committee Chair Joseph M. Diaz Personnel Affairs Committee Chair



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NOTICE OF BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that Board Committees or Seaport Facilities and Personnel Affairs will be holding regular meetings on Thursday, October 31, 2019, beginning 1:00 p.m. in the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom located in the Airport Fire Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Sainan Internationa Airport on the island of Saipan.

AGENDA

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

- Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (August 16, 2019)
- **Public Comments**
- Old Business:
- 1. Organizational Chart
- 2. Final Adoption of Proposed Personnel Rules and Regulations- Anti-bullying and various matters
- IV. New Business:
- 1. Additional staff HR Specialist, Administrative Assistant, IT
- 2. Employment Contract —
- Tinian Ports Manager 3. Training Evaluation Form
- 4. ARFF Fitness Standard Operating
- Procedures (SOP's 36-38) 5. Updated Committee Report
- Executive Session (if needed)
- VI. Miscellaneous/Announcements
- VII. Adjournment

SEAPORT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (August 16, 2019)
- **Public Comments** III. Old Business:
 - 1. Seaport Police Boat
 - 2. Tasi Tours Request 3. Echo Dock
 - 4. DLNR Memorandum of Agreement
 - for Rota West Harbor Small Boat Marina
 - New Business:

VII. Adjournment

- 1. Seaport Road Paving design (Industrial Drive)
- Sea Lago 3. Outer Cove Marina Closure
- 4. Tinian Marine Stevedore
- 5. Updated Committee Report
- V. Executive Session (if needed)

VI. Miscellaneous/Announcements

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Pete P. Reyes Seaport Facilities Committee Chair

Joseph M. Diaz

changes to base access and privileges in Hagatna last Oct. 25. Jan. 1, 2020.

U.S. Naval Base Guam commanding officer Capt. Jeffrey

Grimes, standing, talk to Guam veterans about upcoming

HAGATNA, Guam—Guam military veterans met with U.S. Naval Base Guam commanding officer Capt. Jeffrey Grimes to discuss upcoming changes to base access and privileges under the 2019 John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act in Hagatna

last Oct. 25. Section 621 of the NDAA authorizes privileges at the commissary, Military Service Exchange, and certain Morale. Welfare, and Recreation facilities for Purple Heart recipients, veterans with serviceconnected disabilities, those who have been prisoners of war, and registered primary or family caregivers.

Section 626 requires that the Defense secretary establish procedures, by which eligible surviving spouses and other next-of-kin, may obtain unescorted access to military installations in order to receive benefits to which they may be entitled to by law or policy.

Both sections are effective

The meeting included representation from the Guam Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

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"I'm very thankful for every opportunity I have to speak with our veterans, and, on this particular occasion, I was invited to sit down with them and have an open dialogue on these very big changes that authorize privileges for services like the commissary and the

exchange," Grimes said. In order for eligible persons to avail of the privileges they must obtain a Veterans Health Identification Card or be issued a letter to specify eligible caregivers, both of which are an approved credential for requesting installation access.

"We will continue to utilize the policies and procedures provided to us by the Secretary of Defense and will work toward ensuring this is a smooth process for those who may be eligible," Grimes said. (PR)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

Courts for filing.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court. within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 504279 Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2019

/s/ Clerk of Court

TINIAN CASINO GAMING **CONTROL COMMISSION**

Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TGGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 31, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the TGGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

- PRELIMINARY
- Adoption of Agenda
- 1) March 28, 2019 Regular Meeting
- III. REPORTS Chair's Report b. Executive Director's Report

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹

- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS a) Review of By-Law
 - b) Organizational Chart
 - c) Licensing Matters 1. Tinian Entertainment Company
 - Alter City Group, Inc.
 Request of Clear Management Ltd.
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION² VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written commer ²Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet

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Business

The Bike Shop opens in Chalan Kanoa

By MARK RABAGO

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A store that used to sell bicycles and bike parts and accessories out of Taro Sue in Chinatown has moved to a new standalone location in Chalan Kanoa.

The Bike Shop opened on the ground floor of the Courtney Building in the heart of Chalan Kanoa last Oct. 1.

The establishment is owned and operated by longtime bicycle aficionado Alex Gozon, with his daughter, Kriz, serving as manager.

With an impending renovation at Taro Sue, the elder Gozon decided to strike out on his own and start a new store. Luckily, there was a vacancy at the Courtney Building.

The only problem was, according to Kriz, is that most of her father's longtime and loval customers are from villages near Chinatown like Garapan, Gualo Rai, and northern Saipan.

That wrinkle proved not much of a worry, as cyclists from near or far have been



MARK RABAGO

Manager Kriz Gozon shows off one of his father's prized bikes.

quick to adapt to The Bike Shop's new location.

Not only has the shop retained its loval customer base, it has also gained a new one with more cyclists from the south like San Antonio and Koblerville now patronizing the shop.

"Our move to Chalan Kanoa has been pretty good. We've been here a couple of weeks and we've had slowly built a loyal following. Surprisingly a lot of people bike down from the south to come here. A lot of them are closer to us now and they have more reason to come," said Kriz Gozon.



The Bike Shop sells high- and low-end bicycles at its newly opened store in Chalan Kanoa.

The Bike Shop is your onestop shop for anything and everything you need as a bike hobbyist.

"If you need bike parts and service, we have it. Various bike parts from low-end to high-end, we have it. Bring in your bike if its broken, we'll fix it," she said.

Aside from bike repair and service, the store also sells high-end and low-end adult bikes (Lite Speed, Giant), children's bikes, tires, tubes, helmets, gloves, water bottles, pedals and other accessories, and apparel like Cannondale, Giant, Orbea, and Castelli.

Originally, The Bike Shop started as a part of Taro Sue in 2010. Alex Gozon took over the establishment in December 2018 before deciding to relocate it to its current address in Chalan Kanoa just after the post office traffic light.

The Bike Shop currently has a 15% off sale on children's bicycles. It is open from 9am to 6pm, Monday-Saturday. For more information, call Alex Gozon at 483-3481 or Kriz Gozon at 989-5749.



The Bike Shop is located on the ground floor of the Courtney Building in Chalan Kanoa.

Johnson's Nireland allies vow to keep rejecting Brexit deal

LONDON (AP)—Boris Johnson's allies in Northern Ireland vowed Saturday to keep rejecting the British prime minister's divorce deal with the European Union until his government wins more concessions from the bloc.

Arlene Foster, the leader of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, said she demanded honesty from the British government. She told her party conference in Belfast that regulatory and customs borders between Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom were not acceptable.

"We will not give support to the government when we believe they are fundamentally wrong and acting in a way that is detrimental to Northern Ireland and taking us in the wrong direction," she said. "We will oppose them and we will use our votes to defeat them."

Her comments are important because Johnson needs more votes in Parliament than just his Conservative party to get his Brexit deal passed.

"Let me say clearly from this platform today that we want to support a deal that works for the whole of the United Kingdom and which does not leave Northern Ireland behind," she said. "But without change, we will not vote for the prime minister's agreement."

Parliament has already dealt Johnson a series of setbacks and derailed his promise to take Britain out of the EU by the end of the month "come what may." Johnson has now pinned his hopes on an early general election, calling for one on Dec. 12, but how Britain will solve its Brexit stalemate is still completely up in the air.

Less than a week before Britain is scheduled to leave the EU, ambassadors from the bloc's 27 other nations agreed to grant the U.K.'s request for another extension to the Brexit deadline — but they did not settle on how long that de-

lay should be. More talks on that are expected in the upcoming week.

Britain is scheduled to leave the 28-nation bloc on Oct. 31 after its original March 29 departure date was postponed twice. The U.K. has asked for a three-month extension as Johnson struggles to get lawmakers to pass the divorce deal he agreed upon with

Meanwhile, political tensions are growing. Britain's main opposition party said Saturday that Johnson can't be trusted to protect workers' rights and environmental standards after the country leaves the EU.

The Financial Times reported Saturday that Johnson's Conservative government plans to diverge from EU safety regulations, citing a leaked government document that says rules on workers' rights and environmental protection leave "room for interpretation."

Lawsuit: Southwest pilots streamed video from bathroom cam

PHOENIX (AP)—A lawsuit filed against Southwest Airlines by a flight attendant alleges pilots on a 2017 flight had an iPad streaming video from a hidden camera in a bathroom in one of the airline's jets.

Southwest responded Saturday by denying it places cameras in aircraft lavatories and by calling the 2017 incident an "inappropriate attempt at humor" not condoned by the company.

The lawsuit alleges flight attendant Renee Steinaker saw an iPad streaming video from the plane's forward bathroom when she entered the cockpit to be the required second person in the cockpit when the pilot left to use the bathroom about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours into a Feb. 27, 2017, flight to Phoenix from Pittsburgh.

According to the suit, Steinaker saw the pilot in the streaming video on the iPad and the co-pilot "with a panicked look on his face" acknowledged that the iPad was streaming from a camera in the bathroom but asserted it was a "new security and top-secret security measure installed in all of Southwest's Boeing 737-800 planes."

The suit said Steinaker took

a cellphone photo of the iPad video, provided the photo with a report to Southwest management and was warned by a supervisor to not tell anybody about the incident.

According to the suit, Steinaker was warned, "if this got out, if this went public, no one, I mean no one, would ever fly our airline again."

Court filings by attorneys for Dallas-based Southwest and the two pilots denied the livestreaming allegations, and Southwest on Saturday issued statements saying it will vigorously contest the suit and denying it places cameras in aircraft lavatories.

"When the incident happened two years ago, we investigated the allegations and addressed the situation with the crew involved," the company's second statement said. "We can confirm from our investigation that there was never a camera in the lavatory; the incident was an inappropriate attempt at humor which the company did not condone."

The suit against Southwest, a company known for its joking and irreverent behavior by flight crews, and the two pilots was announced Saturday by attorneys for Steinaker and her husband, also a Southwest flight attendant.

The suit was originally filed on behalf of the Steinakers, who live in metro Phoenix, in an Arizona state court in October 2018 and was moved in late August to federal court in Phoenix.

An attorney for the couple, Ronald L. M. Goldman, said the alleged livestreaming would compromise safety by distracting crew members and intrude on the privacy of those using the bathroom.

"The cockpit of a commercial airliner is not a playground for peeping toms," Goldman said in a statement.

An initial version of the suit alleged that both spouses experienced discrimination, harassment and retaliation in connection with Renee Steinaker's reporting of the in-flight incident.

A later version of the suit didn't include those allegations but said they would be restored if the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission approved suing on those allegations.

No trial date has been set for the suit, which seeks specified awards based on various damages claims.

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Nation

California blaze forces evacuations as wind spurs blackouts

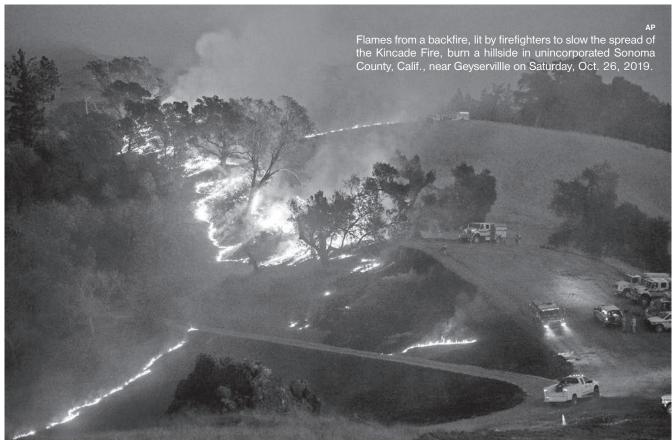
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— A Northern California blaze forced evacuation orders and warnings for nearly all of Sonoma County stretching to the coast, with forecasts of strong winds prompting officials to start cutting electricity for millions of people in an effort to prevent more fires.

Pacific Gas & Electric started shutting off power Saturday around 5 p.m. for an estimated 2.35 million people across 38 counties. About 90,000 residents were ordered to evacuate towns near the 40-square-mile (104-square-kilometer) fire.

Saturday night's evacuation order encompassed a huge swath of wine country stretching from the inland community of Healdsburg west through the Russian River Valley and to Bodega Bay on the coast, Sonoma County Sheriff Mark Essick said. An even broader area was put under a warning for residents to get ready to leave at a moment's notice.

Some weekend gusts might reach 75 mph (120 kph) or higher in a "historic" wind event, the National Weather Service said. Winds could lead to "erratic fire behavior" and send embers for miles, warned the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Concern that gusts could knock down power lines and spark devastating wildfires



prompted two blackouts in recent weeks

PG&E said the new wave of blackouts was affecting about 940,000 homes and businesses in 36 counties for 48 hours or longer. The city of San Francisco was not in line for a blackout amid shut-offs for most of the rest of the San Francisco Bay Area, the wine country to the north and the Sierra foothills.

The sheriff pleaded with residents in the evacuation zone to get out immediately, citing the 24 lives lost when a wildfire swept through the region two years ago.

"I'm seeing people reporting that they're going to stay and fight this fire," Essick said. "You cannot fight this. Please evacuate."

The wind event expected to peak early Sunday would likely be the strongest in several years, said PG&E meteorologist Scott Strenfel. He said

Saturday that falling trees and breaking branches were likely. Relative humidity will dip into single digits, he said.

Evacuations also hit inmates at the North County Detention Facility in Santa Rosa and about 100 Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital patients.

PG&E ordered shut-offs as firefighters battled flames in Northern and Southern California.

A wildfire Thursday destroyed 18 structures in the Santa Clarita area north of Los Angeles. Nearly all the 50,000 residents ordered to evacuate were allowed back home after Santa Ana winds began to ease.

Marcos Briano found destroyed homes on his street.

"I'm thankful that nothing happened to my house, but I feel bad for my neighbors," Briano, 71, said Saturday.

man remains were found within the wide burn area, but it's unclear if the death is connected to the blaze. The Tick fire was 55% contained.

To the north, firefighters raced to make progress against the blaze near Gevserville in Sonoma County before ferocious "diablo winds" returned. The blaze, called the Kincade fire, had burned 77 buildings, including 31 homes, and swept through more than 40 square miles (104 square kilometers) of the wine-growing region by Saturday evening. It was roughly 10% contained.

A firefighter shielded two people from flames with his fire shelter and all three were hospitalized with nonlife-threatening injuries, Cal Fire said.

Several thousand people Sheriff's officials said hu- in neighboring Lake County



were warned to be ready to evacuate if an order is given. A 2015 wildfire in the area killed four people and burned nearly 2,000 buildings.

What sparked the current fires is unknown, but PG&E said a 230,000-volt transmission line near Geyserville malfunctioned minutes before that blaze erupted Wednesday night.

The utility acknowledged a tower malfunction prompted a strategy change for determining when to kill high-voltage transmission lines, Andrew Vesey, CEO of Pacific Gas & Electric Co., said Friday.

Weekend forecasts detail what could be the strongest winds of the year coupled with bone-dry humidity. Many facing power shut-offs were far from fires. PG&E cast blackouts as public safety efforts to prevent the kind of blazes that killed scores of people over the past couple of years, destroyed thousands of homes, and ran up tens of billions of dollars in claims that drove the company into bankruptcy.

ACROSS THE NATION

Man gets 3 months in jail for Minnesota synagogue fire

DULUTH, Minn. (AP)—A homeless man who pleaded guilty to starting a fire that destroyed a 117-year-old synagogue in Minnesota has been sentenced to three months in jail and 192 hours of community service. KTTC-TV reports 36-year-old Matthew Amiot was sentenced Friday. He pleaded guilty last month to negligent fire charges. Amiot received credit for the 36 days he has already served in jail. The fire destroyed the Adas Israel Synagogue in Duluth on Sept. 9. Authorities say Amiot used a lighter to ignite combustible materials outside the main building, near a separate religious structure called a sukkah. Amiot told police he tried to spit on the fire to put it out and walked away when that didn't work. Police don't believe the fire. was a hate crime.

Lawyer: NYPD sergeant shot trainer he found with his wife

SEAFORD, N.Y. (AP)—A lawyer for a personal trainer shot by an off-duty New York City police sergeant says the sergeant was angry after finding the man with his wife. Lawyer Jason Russo says the sergeant chased the man from his Long Island home and warned he would kill him before the shooting him in the chest Friday. The NYPD says the 34-yearold Queens sergeant has been placed on modified duty and stripped of his gun and badge. He hasn't been named. Russo says that the

trainer's relationship with the wife wasn't romantic but that she was not a client. He wants the sergeant charged with attempted murder. Nassau County police are investigating. They say the wounded man was 29 and had a bat during the altercation. Russo says he is out of the hospital and expects to talk to police this weekend.

Police say officer fatally shoots man who is attacking him

NEW YORK (AP)—A man who attacked a New York City police officer with a metal chair, critically injuring him, was fatally shot by the officer on Friday, police officials said. The officer fired after efforts to subdue the man with a Taser were unsuccessful, Chief of Patrol Rodney Harrison said. The officer, a 21-year veteran of the New York Police Department, was in a medically induced coma in critical but stable condition. Harrison said. Police officials said the fatal confrontation occurred at a nail salon in Brooklyn's Brownsville neighborhood shortly after 5:30 p.m. They said it started when a man entered the salon to use the bathroom but instead started urinating on the floor. Harrison said salon workers flagged two uniformed officers on patrol and asked them to remove the man. The officers attempted to arrest the man, who had an active warrant, but he resisted, Harrison said. At that point a second man entered the store "and engaged in a violent struggle with the uniformed officers," Harrison said.

Former WH chief of staff says he warned Trump on impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Donald Trump's former chief of staff, John Kelly, says he advised the president not to fill the job with someone who wouldn't be honest with him and provide a check on his impulses because he would end up being impeached.

"That was almost 11 months ago, and I have an awful lot of, to say the least, second thoughts about leaving," Kelly told the Washington Examiner. "It pains me to see what's going on because I believe if I was still there or someone like me was there, he would not be kind of, all over the place."

"I said, whatever you do and we were still in the process of trying to find someone to take my place—I said whatever you do, don't hire a 'yes man,' someone who won't tell you the truth—don't do that. Because if you do, I believe you will be impeached," Kelly recalled in an interview at the Sea Island Summit, a political conference hosted by the Examiner. Kelly said he does not believe the president would be in his current predicament if he had stayed as chief of staff.

White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said in a statement of her own Saturday: "I worked with John Kelly, and he was totally unequipped to handle the genius of our great President."

Trump pushed back on Kelly's comments in a statement:

"John Kelly never said that, he never said anything like that. If he would have said that, I would have thrown him out of the office. He just wants to come back into the action like everybody else does.

The House is expected to vote on articles of impeachment by Christmas, with a trial to follow in the Senate to determine whether Trump should be removed from office.

The proceedings were sparked by allegations that the president asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to launch an investigation into former Vice President Joe Biden, a political rival seeking the Democratic nomination and into the 2016 election.

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Asia

Vietnamese village prays, awaits news on loved ones' fate

DO THANH, Vietnam (AP)—The rural village of Do Thanh in central Vietnam has relied on its sons and daughters working abroad to send money back home. Now it fears they could be among the dozens of people found dead in the back of a truck in England.

The mother and a sister of Bui Thi Nhung cried as they set up an altar with incense and a photo of the missing 19-year-old. The family heard from a friend living in the U.K. that "Nhung is one of the victims," said a relative who was visiting the woman's despaired mother.

Nhung paid an agent over \$10,000 with the hope of entering Britain to work as a nail technician, the relative said.

Nhung and many others from Yen Thanh, the farming district in Nghe An province where Do Thanh village is located some 200 kilometers (120 miles) south of Hanoi, travel abroad looking to make the type of money they cannot earn in Vietnam. One of their main goals is to send back enough to allow their families to build large homes that they otherwise would be unable to afford.

"Many families in Yen Thanh have gotten rich from money sent back by their children working abroad," said Le Dình Tuan, one of Nhung's neighbors, who was at the house.

On Saturday evening, about 200 people attended a ceremony at a church in Do Thanh organized by a Catholic priest to pray for three possible victims from the area, including Nhung.

While Nhung is Catholic, the other two are not, but the priest, the Rev. Nguyen Duc Vinh, said, "We pray for everyone regardless of their religions."

Many of the attendees wore white headbands, which are normally worn during Vietnamese funerals as a symbol of mourning.

U.K. police said Saturday that all 39 victims were out of the truck and in a mortuary awaiting autopsies. But they said the victims have not been identified and very few documents were found with the bodies.

Also Saturday, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc ordered investigations into alleged human trafficking, according to a government statement. He also ordered Vietnam's Embassy in London to closely work with British authorities to identify the possible Vietnamese victims.

Vietnamese Ambassador

Tran Ngoc An visited the scene and worked with Essex police to deliver information from concerned Vietnamese families, the Vietnam News Agency reported.

A representative for VietHome, a U.K.-based organization that assists the local Vietnamese community, had said the group sent photos of nearly 20 people reported missing to British police.

British police initially said they believed the victims found in the container truck Wednesday in southeastern England were Chinese, but later acknowledged that it was a "developing picture."

China said it could not yet confirm the victims' nationalities or identities. There was speculation circulating online in Vietnam that the victims may have been traveling on false Chinese passports.



The mother, center, and other relatives of Bui Thi Nhung sit in front of an altar with Nhung's portrait inside her home Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 in Do Thanh village, Nghe An province, Vietnam.

N. Korea says it's running out of patience with US

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea on Sunday said it's running out of patience with the United States over what it described as hostile policies and unilateral disarmament demands, and warned that a close personal relationship between the leaders alone wouldn't be enough to prevent nuclear diplomacy from derailing.

In a statement published by Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency, senior North Korean official Kim Yong Chol said there has been no substantial progress in relations despite warm ties between leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump. He said the persisting hostility means "there can be the exchange of fire at any moment."

Kim Yong Chol said the Trump administration would be "seriously mistaken" if it ignores an end-of-year deadline set by Kim Jong Un to propose mutually acceptable terms for a deal to salvage nuclear negotiations.

The North issued a similar

statement on Thursday that was attributed to veteran diplomat Kim Kye Gwan. He criticized U.S. officials for maintaining "Cold War mentality and ideological prejudice" and urged the United States to act "wisely" through the end of the year.

"My hope is that the diplomatic adage that there is neither permanent foe nor permanent friend does not change into the one that there is a permanent foe but no permanent friend," Kim Yong Chol said, stressing that the United States would fail if it tries to use the "close personal relations" between Trump and Kim for delaying tactics.

He said the United States was getting on North Korea's nerves by demanding its "final and fully verified denuclearization" while pushing other U.N. countries to strengthen sanctions and pressure on the North. He said Washington has been attempting to "isolate and stifle" North Korea in a "more crafty and vicious

way than before," instead of heeding Kim Jong Un's call to change its approach in nuclear negotiations.

Those talks have faltered after the collapse of a February summit between Kim and Trump in Hanoi, Vietnam, where the U.S. rejected North Korean demands for broad sanctions relief in exchange for a piecemeal deal toward partially surrendering its nuclear capabilities.

The North expressed its displeasure with a flurry of shortrange missile tests while Kim said he would "wait with patience until the end of the year for the United States to come up with a courageous decision."

Washington and Pyongyang resumed working-level discussion in Sweden earlier this month, but the meeting broke down amid acrimony with the North Koreans calling the talks "sickening" and accusing the Americans of maintaining an "old stance and attitude."

Following the breakdown of the Hanoi summit, South Ko-

rean officials have speculated that the North sidelined Kim Yong Chol, the top negotiator and former military intelligence chief with a reputation as a hard-liner, and let Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho and First Vice Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui take the lead.

Kim Jong Un has signed vague statements calling for the "complete denuclearization" of the peninsula in his meetings with Trump and South Korean President Moon Jae-in since last year. But the North's hardball attitude in past months has raised doubts on whether Kim would ever voluntarily give away his nukes he may see as his strongest guarantee of survival.

North Korea for decades has been pushing a concept of denuclearization that bears no resemblance to the American definition, with Pyongyang vowing to pursue nuclear development until the United States removes its troops and the nuclear umbrella defending South Korea and Japan.

HK protesters criticize police conduct and draw tear gas

HONG KONG (AP)— Hong Kong police fired tear gas Sunday to disperse a rally called over concerns about police conduct in monthslong pro-democracy demonstrations, with protesters cursing the officers and calling them "gangster cops."

Organizers called the demonstration at a water-front park but police said the rally was unauthorized and engaged in a standoff with the protesters after ordering them to leave.

The protesters taunted the officers, calling them names, and the situation appeared tense. Police fired rounds of tear gas and moved forward to chase away the crowds.

Police have faced criticism for heavy-headed tactics including tear gas, pepper spray, rubber bullets and a water cannon to subdue protesters who have hurled bricks and firebombs.

Protesters said they will also march in support of the former British colony's ethnic and religious minorities, in a show of unity after police used a water cannon to spray a mosque and bystanders the previous weekend.

Protesters have taken to the streets for more than four months. The movement was initially sparked by an unpopular extradition bill that many residents worried would put them at risk of being sent into China's Communist Party-controlled judicial system. The government formally withdrew the bill last week, but the movement has snow-balled to include demands for political reform and police accountability.

At a rally on Saturday night organized by medical workers to oppose what they called "violent repression" by police in response to protesters, some protesters jeered and cursed several officers observing from a footbridge.

Earlier Saturday, the Hong Kong government won a temporary court order banning anyone from posting personal details or photos of police officers online. The order prohibits unlawfully "publishing, communicating or disclosing" officers' details including their Facebook and Instagram account IDs or photos of officers or their family members.

This month, an 18-yearold was charged with intentional wounding for a slashing attack on a riot officer.

Despite repeated government appeals for people not to side with mobs involved in vandalism, throwing gasoline bombs and other violence, the protest movement is still rousing determined support from more moderate demonstrators. They're broadly worried about the future and freedoms of the city that reverted to Chinese rule in 1997, with promises from Beijing that it would largely be its own boss, its way of life unchanged.

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World

Separatists clash with police in Barcelona after huge rally

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Police and violent protesters in Spain's restive Catalonia region clashed Saturday after a massive rally in Barcelona against the imprisonment of nine separatist leaders for their roles in an illegal 2017 secession bid.

The flare-up in violence came after a week of tense calm without major incidents following six days when Catalonia was rocked by riots each night after the Oct. 14 Supreme Court verdict that found 12 Catalan leaders guilty of sedition and other crimes. That outbreak led to 500 people, nearly half of them police, being injured and around 200 arrests.

Hundreds of mostly masked youths surrounded the National Police headquarters in downtown Barcelona and threw colorful plastic balls at the officers on guard. When they switched to raining down



A protester wearing an Estelada or Catalan independence mask stands in front police, not seen, moments before clashes in Barcelona, Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019.

rocks and bottles, national police with backup from Catalonia's regional police force charged with batons swinging

and fired foam bullets. After a chaotic moment they managed to extend a perimeter while protesters set fire to trash cans in the middle of the streets.

Regional emergency services said 15 people were being treated for injuries as a result of the clashes, including an AP photographer who was hit in the face with a police baton. Catalonia's regional police said one of its officers was serious hurt. At least one person had to be put on a stretcher by medics and taken away in an ambulance.

Unlike the worst of the last week's riots that lasted hours, order was restored relatively quickly.

Earlier on Saturday Barcelona's police said 350,000 people rallied peacefully in the regional capital, many waving pro-independence flags for Catalonia. The rally was organized by the main prosecession grassroots groups who want to create a new state in the northeastern corner of Spain. There were no repeated incidents in the rally that drew families from across the wealthy region.

"We cannot accept that (the prisoners) have been condemned to terms of nine to 13

39 dead in truck

The bodies of 38 adults and a teenager were found early Wednesday in a truck in Grays east of London.





years for defending the selfdetermination of Catalans,"

the president of the pro-secession grassroots group ANC, Elisenda Paluzie, said at the peaceful protest.

Nine Catalan officials were given sentences of nine to 13 years for sedition by the Supreme Court. Four of those were also convicted of misuse of public funds. The other three were fined for disobedience. They were all acquitted of the more serious crime of rebellion, which carries sentences of up to 25 years. Spain's most right-wing politicians called the verdict soft.

Spain's government has told Catalonia's separatists that the national Parliament would need to amend the Constitution, which considers the nation indivisible, to make secession by a region legal.

The largest pro-Spanish union grassroots group Catalan Civil Society has called for a rally in Barcelona on Sunday. About roughly one half of Catalonia's 7.5 residents oppose severing century-old ties with the rest of the country.

The Catalan crisis is set to be a key issue in Spain's Nov. 10 national election, where Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez will try to stay in power.

Also on Saturday, Spain's far-right party Vox drew several thousand people to a political rally in central Madrid. Vox is trying to profile itself as the best option to stop the rupture of Spain.

4th suspect arrested as UK truck deaths case probe deepens

LONDON (AP)—A fourth person was arrested in connection with the deaths of 39 people found in the back of a container truck in southeastern England, British police said Friday as the investigation into one of the country's worst human smuggling cases geared up.

Police said a 48-year-old man from Northern Ireland was arrested Friday at England's Stansted Airport on suspicion of manslaughter and conspiracy to traffic people. The arrest came after police arrested a man and a woman, both 38 and from northwestern England, earlier Friday on the same charges. The 25-year-old driver of the truck remains in custody on suspicion of murder.

Essex Police said 31 men and eight women were found dead in the truck early Wednesday at an industrial park in Grays, a town 25 miles (40 kilometers) east of London. Although U.K. police said they believed the dead were Chinese citizens, they acknowledged Friday this was a "developing picture."

China said it could not yet confirm the victims' nationalities or identities.

The Vietnamese Embassy in London said Friday that it contacted police about a missing woman feared to be one of the dead. An embassy spokesman said it was contacted by a family in Vietnam who says their daughter had been missing since the truck was found.

The BBC reported it had been in contact with six Vietnamese families who feared their relatives are among the victims. Relatives of 26-yearold Pham Tra My told the broadcaster they had been unable to contact her since receiving a text Tuesday night saying she was suffocating.

"I'm so sorry mom and dad....My journey abroad doesn't succeed," she wrote. "Mom, I love you and dad very much. I'm dying because I can't breathe Mom, I'm so sorry."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said China was working in cooperation with local authorities.

"No matter where these victims come from, this is a great tragedy which drew the attention of the international community to the issue of illegal immigration," she said. "The international community should further strengthen cooperation in this area, strengthen sharing of information and intelligence ... to prevent such tragedies from happening again."

Hua said Chinese authorities were also seeking information from police in Belgium, since the shipping container in which the bodies were found was sent to England from the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

US official: IS leader believed dead in US military assault WASHINGTON (AP)—Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the shadowy leader of the Islamic State group who presided over its global jihad and became arguably the world's most wanted man, is believed dead after be-

raid in Syria.

A U.S. official told The Associated Press late Saturday that al-Baghdadi was targeted in Syria's northwestern Idlib province. The official said confirmation that the IS chief was killed in an explosion is pending. No other details were available. The official was not authorized to discuss the strike and spoke on condition of anonymity.

ing targeted by a U.S. military

President Donald Trump teased a major announcement, tweeting Saturday night that 'Something very big has just happened!" A White House spokesman, Hogan Gidley, would say only that the president would be making a "major statement" at 9 a.m. ET Sunday.

If confirmed, the operation's success could prove a major boost for Trump. The recent pullback of U.S. troops

he ordered from northeastern Syria raised a storm of bipartisan criticism in Washington that the militant group could regain strength, after it had lost vast stretches of territory it had once controlled.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Syria war monitor, reported an attack carried out by a squadron of eight helicopters accompanied by a warplane belonging to the international coalition on positions of the Hurras al-Deen, an al-Qaida-linked group, in the Barisha area north of Idlib city, after midnight on Saturday. IS operatives are believed to be hiding in the area, it said.

It said the helicopters targeted IS positions with heavy strikes for about 120 minutes, during which jihadists fired at the aircraft with heavy weapons. The Britain-based Observatory, which operates through a network of activists on the ground, documented the death of 9 people as a result of the coalition helicopter attack. It is not yet known whether al-Baghdadi is one of them, it said, adding that the death toll is likely to rise due to the large number of wounded.

Al-Baghdadi's presence in the village, which is a few kilometers away from the Turkish border, would come as a surprise, even if some IS leaders are believed to have fled to Idlib after losing their last territories in Syria to U.S.-allied Kurdish forces in March. The surrounding areas are largely controlled by a rival of the Islamic State group — the al-Qaida-linked Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, or HTS although other jihadi groups sympathetic to IS operate there. Unverified video circulated online by Syrian groups appeared to support the Observatory claim that the operation occurred in Barisha.

Al-Baghdadi has led IS for the last five years, presiding over its ascendancy as it cultivated a reputation for beheadings and attracted hundreds of thousands of followers to a sprawling and self-styled caliphate in Iraq and Syria. He remained among the few IS commanders still at large despite multiple claims in recent years about his death and even as his so-called caliphate dramatically shrank, with many supporters who joined the cause either imprisoned or jailed.

His exhortations were instrumental in inspiring terrorist attacks in the heart of Europe and in the United States. Shifting away from the airline hijackings and other masscasualty attacks that came to define al-Qaida, al-Baghdadi and other IS leaders supported smaller-scale acts of violence that would be harder for law enforcement to prepare for and prevent.

They encouraged jihadists who could not travel to the caliphate to kill where they were, with whatever weapon they had at their disposal. In the U.S., multiple extremists have pledged their allegiance to al-Baghdadi on social media, including a woman who along with her husband committed a 2015 massacre at a holiday party in San Bernardino, California.



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Focus

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Trump administration reported a river of red ink Friday.

The federal deficit for the 2019 budget year surged 26% from 2018 to \$984.4 billion —its highest point in seven years. The gap is widely expected to top \$1 trillion in the current budget year and likely remain there for the next decade.

The year-over-year widening in the deficit reflected such factors as revenue lost from the 2017 Trump tax cut and a budget deal that added billions in spending for military and domestic programs.

Forecasts by the Trump administration and the Congressional Budget Office project that the deficit will top \$1 trillion in the 2020 budget year, which began Oct. 1. And the CBO estimates that the deficit will stay above \$1 trillion over the next decade.

Those projections stand in contrast to President Donald Trump's campaign promises that even with revenue lost initially from his tax cuts, he could eliminate the budget deficit with cuts in spending and increased growth generated by the tax cuts.

and answers about the current state of the government's finances.

WHAT HAPPENED?

The deficit has been rising every year for the past four years. It's a stretch of widening deficits not seen since the early 1980s, when the deficit exploded with President Ronald Reagan's big tax cut.

For 2019, revenues grew 4%. But spending jumped at twice that rate, reflecting a deal that Trump reached with Congress in early 2018 to boost spending.

WHY DOESN'T WASHINGTON DO SOMETHING ABOUT

Fiscal hawks have long warned of the economic dangers of running big government deficits. Yet the apocalypse they fear never seems to happen, and the government just keeps on spending.

There have been numerous attempts by presidents after Reagan to control spending. President George H.W. Bush actually agreed to a tax increase to control deficits when he was in office, breaking his "Read my lips" pledge not to raise taxes.

And a standoff between Here are some questions President Bill Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich did produce a rare string of four years of budget surpluses from 1998 through 2001. In fact, the budget picture was so bright when George W. Bush took office in 2001 that the Congressional Budget Office projected that the government would run surpluses of \$5.6 trillion over the next decade.

That didn't happen. The economy slid into a mild recession, Bush pushed through a big tax cut and the war on terrorism sent military spending surging. Then the 2008 financial crisis erupted and triggered a devastating recession. The downturn produced the economy's first round of trillion-dollar deficits under President Barack Obama and is expected to do so again under Trump.

SHOULD WE WORRY?

As far as most of us can tell, the huge deficits don't seem to threaten the economy or elevate the interest rates we pay on credit cards, mortgages and car loans. And in fact, the huge deficits are coinciding with a period of ultra-low rates rather than the surging borrowing costs that economists had warned would likely occur if government deficits got this high.

There is even a new school of economic theory known as the "modern monetary theory." It argues that such major economies as the United States and Japan don't need to worry about running deficits because their central banks can print as much money as they need.

Yet this remains a distinctly minority view among economists. Most still believe that while the huge deficits are not an immediate threat, at some point they will become a big problem. They will crowd out borrowing by consumers and businesses and elevate interest rates to levels that ignite a recession.

What's more, the interest payments on the deficits become part of a mounting government debt that must be repaid and could depress economic growth in coming years. In fact, even with low rates this year, the government's interest payments on the debt were one of the fastest growing items in the budget, rising nearly 16% to \$375.6 billion.

HAVEN'T ECONOMISTS BEEN MAKING THESE WARNING FOR **DECADES?**

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell says the day of reckoning is still coming but isn't here yet. Most analysts think any real solution will involve a combination of higher taxes and cost savings in the government's huge benefit programs of Social Security and Medicare.

ANY SIGN THAT WASHINGTON **MAY TAKE THE POLITICALLY PAINFUL STEPS TO CUT THE DEFICIT?**

In short, no. There has been a major change since the first round of trillion-dollar deficits prompted the Tea Party revolt. This shift brought Republicans back into power in the House and incited a round of fighting between GOP congressional leaders and the Obama administration. A result was government shutdowns and near-defaults on the national debt.

But once Trump took office, things changed: The president focused on his biggest legislative achievement, the \$1.5 trillion tax cut passed in 2017. This appeared to satisfy Republican lawmakers and quelled concerns about rising deficits.

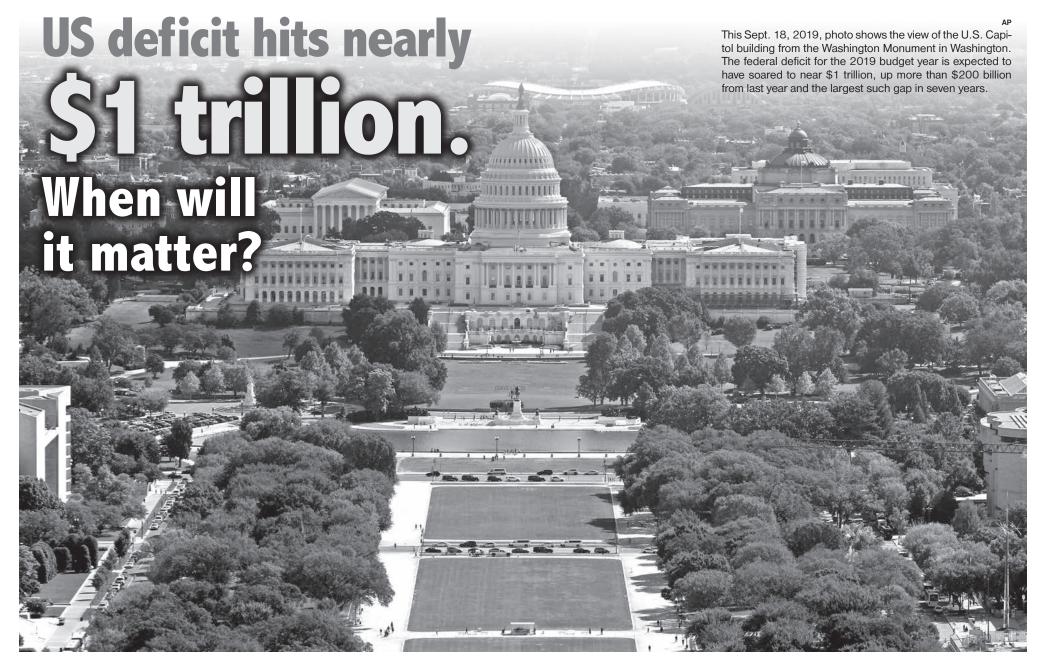
Democratic presidential candidates have for the most part pledged to roll back Trump's tax cuts for corporations and wealthy individuals. But they would use the money not to lower the deficits but for increased spending on expensive programs such as Medicare for All.

SO THE DEFICITS WON'T ANIMATE THE PRESIDENTIAL **CAMPAIGN?**

It doesn't seem likely, though former Rep. Mark Sanford, who has mounted a longshot Republican campaign against Trump, is urging Republican voters to return to their historic concerns about the high deficits.

And economists note that today's huge deficits are occurring when the economy is in a record-long economic expansion. This is unlike the previous stretch of trilliondollar deficits, which coincided with the worst recession since the 1930s.

But analysts warn that if the economy does go into a recession, the huge deficits projected now will expand significantly — possibly to a size that would send interest rates surging. Such a development, if it sparked worries about the stability of the U.S. financial system, might produce the type of deficit crisis they have been warning about for so long.



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HEALTHY MEN

By ARMIN BROTT

Belly fat is one of the most

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common types of fat for men

all it what you will: beer belly, love handles, gut, spare tire, or anything else. Whatever the words, they're all referring to the same thing: belly fat, which is one of the most common types of fat for men. As you've no doubt noticed, as we gain weight, our thighs, legs, and arms usually don't change much. Instead, our fat tends to accumulate around the chest, neck, and stomach. Women, on the other hand, tend to store their fat a little lower, around the butt and thighs. Fat, no matter where it's stored, is a pretty clear indicator that you're out of shape, and it can negatively affect your self-esteem. But that's just the beginning. Unlike fat in other areas, having belly fat increases your risk of developing a number of serious health conditions—in particular, cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and colorectal cancer—any of which are perfectly capable of killing you.

IS ALL BELLY FAT THE SAME?

In short, No. Belly fat comes in two very different varieties. First, there's subcutaneous (which literally means "under the skin") belly fat, which is found, well, just under the skin. Subcutaneous fat around your belly is no different than subcutaneous fat anywhere else on your body, whether it's your butt, your arms, your legs, or your toes. It's the fat that you can pinch between your fingers. Aside from being unsightly and a clear indication that you need to lose weight, subcutaneous fat isn't particularly dangerous.

> The second kind of belly fat, visceral (which means "relating to the internal organs") fat, is located deep inside your body and surrounds, as you might expect, many of your internal organs, including your heart, intestines, liver, and lungs. Unfortunately, you can't see visceral fat with your naked eye. But it's a huge health threat because it pumps substances called cytokines into your bloodstream, where they cause inflammation and lead directly to the health risks mentioned above as well as high cholesterol, inflammation throughout the body, liver problems, and a lot more.

CAN EXERCISE HELP REDUCE BELLY FAT?

Clearly, visceral belly fat is a serious threat to your health, and getting rid of it isn't going to be easy. That said, one of the best ways to combat visceral fat it is to get more exercise. Try for at least 30 minutes every day. But keep in mind that when it comes to fighting visceral fat, not all exercise is the same. Cardiovascular exercise (the kind that gets your heart rate up) is by far the most effective. If you haven't exercised in a while, start off easy, with brisk walks. As your fitness level builds up, add in some running, biking, swimming, rowing, and so on. The more you do the better.

CAN DIET REDUCE BELLY FAT?

In addition to physical activity, you need to change your diet, but not in the starve-yourself-for-a-short-time-until-you-lose-weight way. The kind of diet we're talking about is a for-the-rest-of-your-life, lifestyle thing. Shoot for a diet that's rich in fruits and vegetables, high in fiber, low in red meat, and filled with lots of whole grains. Limit your fat intake, cutting out as much trans fats as you can. Get in the habit of reading food product labels. It can be pretty scary.

It's not all about the foods you eat, though. It's also about how much you eat at one time. Most Americans actually eat double sized portions at every meal. We've been conditioned to think that a meal should stuff us to the point of being overfull. Wrong. Control your portion size, eat slowly, stop when you're not hungry anymore, and you'll have a much better grasp over how many calories you're taking in each day. Eat less at home, and if you're out, spilt your plate with someone or take half of it home for the next day.

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How to clean your hands from germ-infested places

Two effective ways to rid your hands of flu viruses, bacteria, germs and other microbes:

Handwashing



 Lather hands well with soap under warm running water.



 Rub hands together vigorously for 20 seconds; scrub back of hands, wrists, fingers, under nails; rinse well.



 Dry hands with clean towel; use towel to turn off faucet and grab doorknob on exiting to avoid recontamination.

Non-soap sanitization

Use when soap and water are not available; must be at least 60 percent alcohol to be effective.

- Use at least a half teaspoon to coat hands.
- Rub hands vigorously at least 30 seconds; if sanitizer dries before then. use more and repeat.
- · Not effective if hands are visibly dirty; use soap and water.

Top germ lurking places





Office desktop



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Cutting board

The sink





Cell phones



Toy stores Electronics stores



Grocery cart handles



The das pump

Source: Mayo Clinic, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, weather.com

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Life & Style

Victim speaks out for first time about 'Slender Man' attack

Wisconsin girl who was lured into the woods by two friends and stabbed 19 times in an effort to please a fictional horror character called Slender Man said she's come to terms with aspects of the attack but still sleeps with broken scissors "just in case."

In her first interview about the 2014 attack, which is set to air Friday, Payton Leutner told ABC News that despite her lingering trauma, she has

"come to accept all of the scars that I have."

"It's just a part of me," she said.

Leutner was 12 when two of her 12-year-old friends, Morgan Geyser and Anissa Weier, lured her from a sleepover to a nearby wooded park in the Milwaukee suburb of Waukesha, investigators said. In the ABC interview. Leutner recalled how, before the stabbing, Weier told her to lay down on the ground and cover herself with sticks and leaves to hide, as part of what Leutner believed to be a game of hide-and-seek.

"But it was really just a trick to get me down there," Leutner said.

With Leutner on the ground, Geyser stabbed her 19 times before she and Weier left Leutner for dead. Leutner said she eventually got up, grabbed trees for support, and made her way to a nearby road where a bicyclist found her and called for help.

attention because of how young the girls were, how vicious the attack was and because the two attackers said they did it because they believed Slender Man would otherwise hurt them and their families.

bing, according to prosecu- institution. Weier was comtors. Geyser was ordered to mitted to a mental health faspend 40 years in a mental cility for 25 years. Jeers for Harvey Weinstein

Geyser and Weier were charged as adults and eventually pleaded guilty, with Geyser receiving a harsher sentence because she was the one who did the actual stabat NYC actors showcase **NEW YORK** (AP)—Harvey "monster." Both people were

Weinstein was mocked from the stage and jeered by attendees at a New York City actors showcase this week a rare public ap-

pearance for the January rape trial.

him to horror villain Freddy Krueger and said she "didn't know we had to bring our own Mace and rape whistles" to the event.

An actor tried questioning Weinstein, and another attendee shouted that he was a told to leave the Manhattan bar where the event took place, while comedian Kelly Bachman's commentary drew

boos from some in the audience and one person yelled "shut up."

Weinstein, faces a January trial in Manhattan on charges he raped a woman in a hotel room in 2013 and

performed a forcible sex act on a different woman in 2006. He maintains any sexual activity was consensual.

Weinstein, free on \$1 million bail, is subject to electronic monitoring and limited to travel in New York and Connecticut.



Huffman released with 2 days left on 2-week prison term

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—

Actress Felicity Huffman was a federal prison in California two days before the end of a two-week sentence for her role in the college admissions scandal, authorities said.

The "Desperate Housewives" star was released from the low-security prison for women because under prison policy, inmates scheduled for weekend release are let out on Friday, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons said.

Her husband, actor William H. Macy, dropped off Huffman—aka inmate No. 77806-112—at the Federal Correctional Institution, Dublin in the San Francisco Bay Area on Oct. 15, with one day of credit already banked for the day she was originally arrested and jailed.

A federal judge in Boston last month sentenced Huffman, 56, to two weeks in prison, a \$30,000 fine, 250 hours of community service and a vear's probation after she pleaded guilty to fraud and conspiracy for paying an admissions consultant \$15,000 to have a proctor correct her daughter's SAT answers.

The Emmy-award winning actress tearfully apologized at her sentencing, saying, "I was frightened. I was stupid, and I was so wrong."

A representative for Huffreleased Friday morning from man did not immediately reply to a request for comment from the actress on Friday.

> Huffman was the first parent sentenced in a scandal involving dozens of wealthy parents



accused of bribing their children's way into elite universities or cheating on college en-

Other parents in the far-reaching scandal could face far stiffer

sentences.

On Tuesday, a grand jury in Boston indicted "Full House" actress Lori Loughlin, her fashion designer husband Mossimo Giannuli and nine other parents on new charges of trying to bribe officials at an organization that receives at least \$10,000 in federal funding

Loughlin and Giannulli have pleaded not guilty.

The charge of conspiracy to commit federal program bribery carries a maximum sentence of up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The scheme, the biggest college admissions case ever prosecuted by the Justice Department, has shown how far some will go to get their children into top universities like Stanford and Yale.

Prince's anticipated, posthumous memoir is ready for fans

By LEANNE ITALIE

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NEW YORK (AP)—Panic, joy, shock: Dan Piepenbring felt them all when Prince plucked him to collaborate on his first memoir, followed by more shock and profound sadness at news of the superstar's death while the book was in its early stages.

Though the project was thrown into chaos when Prince died on April 21, 2016, of an accidental drug overdose, his estate ultimately decided to press on,

Piepenbring allowing Piepenbring and his publishing team free access to the pieces of his life left behind at his beloved Paisley Park, including the contents of his vault.

Now, the highly anticipated collaboration, "The Beautiful Ones," is ready for Prince fans to read as many continue to mourn, propelling the 33-yearold journalist into the spotlight to explain how he sorted it all out.

"There was a sense even from the start that it couldn't really be happening," Piepenbring told The Associated Press of his involvement. "It felt very surreal. There was also just a sense of joy, I think, at the possibility of meeting

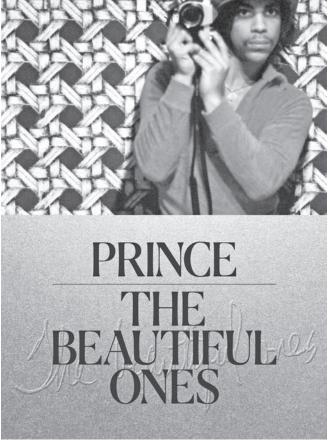
someone that I held in such high regard, someone whose music had been the soundtrack to the better part of my youth."

The book out Tuesday from Spiegel & Grau includes no bombshells, though Prince very much wanted to provide some, and a mere 28 memoir pages written in his elegant script and quirky style, re-

> placing the word "I" with a drawing of a human orb, for instance. All told, Piepenbring spent 12 to 15 hours faceto-face with Prince Minneapolis, New York and on tour in Melbourne.

Their last conversation was just four days before Prince died. It was focused on his parents and their conflicting influences in his life. His father, John L. Nelson, was a disciplined, God-fearing jazz musician with an explosive temper. His mother, Mattie Della Shaw, was a beautiful, fun-loving party girl with a stubborn, irrational streak—and a sneaky flair, as Prince wrote:

"She would spend up what little \$ the family had 4 survival on partying with her friends, then trespass in 2 my bedroom, 'borrow' my personal \$ that eye'd gotten from babysitting local kids, & then chastise me 4 even questioning her regard-



This cover image released by Spiegel & Grau shows "Prince: The Beautiful Ones," the memoir Prince started but didn't finish before his 2016 death. "The Beautiful Ones" goes on sale, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.

ing the broken promises she made 2 pay me back."

The tumultuous nature of his parents' relationship had a lasting impact.

"The wound of Ur parents fighting is chilling when U're a child," Prince wrote. "If it happens 2 become physical, it can be soul-crushing."

Facebook launches a news section - and will pay publishers

Over the course of its 15 year mobile app that will dis- from smaller towns are on committed to helping sustain

courted revenue. them for video projects it subsequently abandoned, and then largely cut their stories out of its newsfeeds.

Now it plans to pay them for news Zuckerberg headlines-reportedly millions of dollars in some cases.

Enter the "News Tab," a new section in the Facebook

history, Facebook has various- play headlines—and nothing their way, Facebook says. ly ignored news organizations else—from the Wall Street while eating their advertising Journal, the Washington Post,

BuzzFeed News, Business Insider, NBC, USA Today and the Los Angeles Times, among others.

Breitbart, a conservative news outlet that has been accused of running

racist stories, will also be part of the news tab, as will local stories from several of the largest U.S. cities. Headlines

Tapping on those headlines will take you directly to publisher websites or apps, if you have any installed. Which is one thing publishers have been requesting from Facebook's news efforts for years.

It's potentially a big step for a platform that has long struggled with both stamping out misinformation and making nice with struggling purveyors of news. Though media watchers remain skeptical that Facebook is really

the news industry.

Facebook declined to say who is getting paid and how much, saying only that it will be paying "a range of publishers for access to all of their content." Just last year, CEO Mark Zuckerberg said he wasn't sure it "makes sense " to pay news outlets for their material.

But now, as Zuckerberg told The Associated Press in an interview, "there's an opportunity to set up new long term, stable financial relationships with publishers."

Atty: Trump calendar helps prove woman's 2007 groping claim

NEW YORK (AP)—President Donald Trump's private calendar helps support a former "Apprentice" contestant's claim that he subjected her to unwanted kissing and groping, her lawyer said in a court filing Thursday.

The calendar records, filed in Summer Zervos' defamation lawsuit, show Trump was scheduled to be at the Beverly Hills Hotel in California on Dec. 21, 2007, in the timeframe when she claims Trump made unwanted advances at

She said he kissed and groped her, despite her objections, at what she thought would be a professional dinner, and then invited her to meet him at his nearby golf course the next morning. The calendar records show he was scheduled there the morning after his arrival at the hotel.

Trump's calendar doesn't include anything about a meeting with Zervos. But her lawyer, Mariann Wang, wrote that the documents "strongly corroborate" Zervos' account—and indicate

Trump was lying in a 2016 statement that said he "never met her at a hotel."

Trump lawyer Marc Kasowitz said Thursday that Zervos' claims are "entirely meritless and not corroborated by any documents."

Zervos, a California restaurateur who was on "The Apprentice" in 2006, was among more than a dozen women who came forward during Trump's 2016 presidential campaign with allegations of sexual misconduct. Both she and Trump are Republicans.

He called the women "liars" trying to harm him with "100 percent fabricated" stories, and he retweeted a message specifically calling Zervos' claims "a hoax." He also issued a statement denying her allegations, including the denial of meeting her at a hotel.

Zervos had approached lawyers in 2011 and sent Fox News an August 2015 email about her allegation, according to the filing.

"Trump Hit On Me," read the email's subject line. Sent two months into Trump's presidential campaign, the message said he "invited me to a hotel room under the guise of working for him. He had a different agenda."

Requests for comment was sent Thursday to the news network and to Gloria Allred, an attorney whom Zervos said she contacted in 2011. Allred was Zervos' lawyer when she went public in 2016 but no longer represents her.

Trump's lawyers have said his statements were opinions and he had a free-speech right to defend himself.

Zervos is seeking a retraction, an apology and damages.

In her lawsuit, Zervos said Trump also kissed her unexpectedly at his office in Trump Tower in December of 2007, before the alleged California encounter.

Thursday's court filing doesn't include any calendar items related to that alleged encounter, but it does include emails from that autumn between Zervos and Trump's secretary where they discuss a potential lunch date in New York.

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Cyprus to ask UK why vase given to Thatcher was sold off

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Cyprus will seek an explanation from the British government over how an ancient vase given to the late Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as a state gift has ended up on the auction block. A Cyprus official says Cyprus' embassy in London would raise the issue with U.K. authorities. In a tweet, art historian Maria Paphiti found that the 2,700-year-old vase had been sold at Christie's auction house in May for nearly 7,000 euros (\$7,700). The vase was given to Thatcher by former Cyprus President George Vassiliou three decades ago. The government official, who spoke Friday on condition of anonymity because he's not authorized to speak publicly about the issue, said diplomatic protocol bars selling off state gifts. It's unclear how the vase ended up at the auction.

Queen Elizabeth honors Booker Prize winner Margaret Atwood

LONDON (AP) — Shortly after winning her second

Booker Prize, Margaret Atwood has received a rare honor from Queen Elizabeth II for her services to literature. The Canadian novelist and poet was presented with an Order of the Companions of Honor in a ceremony at Windsor Castle Friday. She said the experience made her "a bit emotional." The Press Association quoted Atwood as saying that "when you see the Queen at her age and her schedule that she puts out, it's an inspiration to everybody, you just keep going." Atwood and British author Bernardine Evaristo split the Booker Prize ten days ago, after judges flouted the rule that there should be a single winner. She also won the prestigious fiction award in 2000, and has several U.S., Canadian and French awards.

Colson Whitehead novel wins \$50,000 **Kirkus Prize**

NEW YORK (AP) — Colson Whitehead's novel "The Nickel Boys" and Saeed Jones' memoir "How We Fight for Our Lives" are among the winners of the Kirkus Prize, a \$50,000 honor. On Thursday, Whitehead won in the fiction category for his narrative of a brutal boys academy in Florida. Jones' coming-ofage book was cited for nonfiction and the winner for young people's books was "New Kid," author-illustrator Jerry Craft's story of a black kid attending a predominantly white private school. The prizes were presented by the trade publication Kirkus Reviews and were judged by panels of authors, critics, educators and booksellers. The winners were chosen from more than 1.200 releases receiving a starred review from Kirkus during the past year.

Porn actress brags about private NYPD tour, raising alarms

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's mayor says he's upset about revelations that a porn actress got a private, behind-the-scenes tour of police headquarters. Asked about it Thursday, Mayor Bill de Blasio said, "I don't like what I hear. I don't know how on earth it could've happened." German actress Annina Ucatis bragged on Instagram about the Oct. 14 tour, posting photos and videos from secure areas where photography isn't normally

allowed. The New York Post brought them to light Tuesday. Ucatis' posts show her in the department's Real Time Crime Center and outside the office of Commissioner James O'Neill, who wasn't there. Both areas have restricted access. First Deputy Commissioner Beniamin Tucker said he only learned of the visit Wednesday. He says the department "will get to the bottom of it."

Judge: Brad Pitt, others can be sued over New Orleans homes

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A judge has denied actor Brad Pitt's request to be taken off a lawsuit that says his Make it Right Foundation built shoddy homes in the New Orleans area that was hit hardest by Hurricane Katrina. The Times-Picayune/ The New Orleans Advocate reports Pitt and other foundation directors asked the court to remove them from the lawsuit, saying they weren't personally responsible for the construction. Judge Rachael Johnson denied the request last week. Two homeowners filed the suit. Their attorney, Ron Austin, says the homes built by the foundation in the Lower Ninth Ward have infrastructural issues and residents have reported being sick. More than 100 green Make It Right houses were built in 2008. The foundation sued the principal architect last year saying his designs were defective.

Kanye West premieres new 'Jesus Is King' film, album

INGLEWOOD, California (AP) — Kanye West has unveiled his "Jesus Is King" IMAX film, featuring a gospel choir performing at artist James Turrell's dramatic Roden Crater in the Arizona desert. It'll be in theaters nationwide for one week to coincide with Friday's release of an album with the same name. West premiered the 35-minute film off to fans at an event Wednesday at The Forum in Inglewood, California, where he also led a listening session for his long-delayed ninth studio album. The film is divided into sections by six Bible verse citations. It showcases the light-filled interior of Turrell's creation as West and his choir perform gospel standards and modified versions of his songs. West told Apple Music's Zane Lowe in an interview released Thursday that he'd put out another album around the Christmas holiday.

Da Vinci exhibition opens in Paris, proves a maior success

PARIS (AP) — Visitors are crowding into the Louvre museum in Paris to see a major retrospective of Leonardo Da Vinci's paintings. The exhibition of paintings, drawings and sketches opened Thursday to mark the 500th anniversary of the Italian master's death. The museum says 260,000 tickets have already been pre-sold for the show that runs through February 24, 2020. The exhibition includes 160 works, taken from the Louvre's permanent collection and institutions around the world. They include Leonardo's masterpieces, dozens of studies and scientific sketches, and pieces by other artists in his orbit. French visitor Gisele Lelemberg says of Da Vinci, "he is a great painter. He is a great man of art ... For me he was a genius." A virtual reality section delves into the story behind the "Mona Lisa."

Mom in dating game ponders trading attraction for security

EAR ABBY: I'm a 40-year-old mom of two girls who has been single for five years. In that time, I've dated a few men, but haven't found one who fulfills my "wish list."

The last man I was interested in seemed like he had possibilities. There was a strong mutual attraction. We spent a lot of time together, went on dates and were physically intimate. However, because of his recent divorce and subsequent emotional struggles, it became apparent that we wouldn't work out in the long term. It was disappointing, but we are still good friends and talk daily.

In the meantime, I have begun dating a very nice 48-year-old man with whom I have a lot in common. He's very successful professionally, and we get along well. He is also very attracted to me. If things continue to go well and it develops into a longterm relationship, I have no doubt he would provide a very comfortable life for my children and me.

The problem is, I'm not very attracted to him. He's a nice, normal-looking man, but if I passed him on the street, I wouldn't give him a second glance. I continue to see him because it seems we may be compatible, and I enjoy spending time with him, but is it wrong to be disappointed that I don't feel "fireworks"?

This may seem shallow, but after feeling so much chemistry with a man I was madly attracted to, it's difficult to be in this position. It's next to impossible to find someone who possesses every single quality I want, especially because I live in a small town, and I am likely not going to match everything on his list either. How do I break down these barriers that I'm putting in front of him?

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My brother lives close by and will take care of her if she

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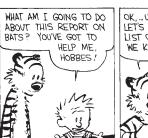
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Urquidy, Bregman help Astros tie Series

WASHINGTON (AP)—Not bad for a TBA.

Unheralded rookie José Urquidy outpitched all those big-name aces who preceded him, quieting Washington's bats and the Nationals Park crowd, too.

Alex Bregman busted out of his slump with a go-ahead single in the first inning and a grand slam in the seventh, and the resurgent Houston Astros routed the Nationals 8-1 Saturday night to pull even at two games apiece in an unpredictable World Series that's been one big road show.

Urquidy had never pitched above Class A before this year. This stage seemed surreal.

"A couple of moments," he said, "I was thinking about, oh my God, I'm in a World Series pitching."

Game 1 winner Max Scherzer takes the mound Sunday night hoping to get Washington a home Series victory for the first time since the Senators won at Griffith Stadium in 1933. In a rematch of the opener, Gerrit Cole goes for Houston after losing for the first time since May.

Visiting teams have won the first four games for the first time since 1996, when the Yankees broke the pattern in Game 6 against Atlanta to take the title.

Game 6 will be Tuesday night in Houston, when the Astros lose their road-field advantage.

"This is what it's all about," Bregman said. "This is a beautiful thing. It's two teams battling it out. They've got great pitching, great offenses. It's been fun so far, and just want to keep it rolling."

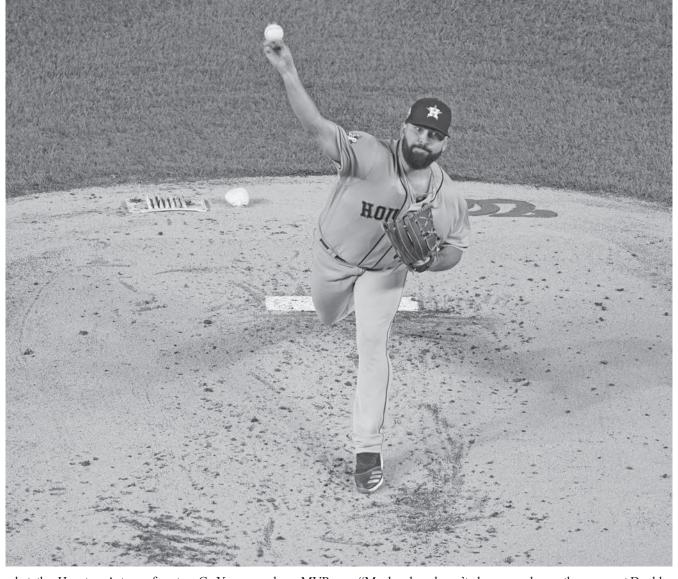
Yuli Gurriel also drove in a run in the first as Houston strung together four singles in a seven-pitch span for a 2-0 lead against Patrick Corbin. Robinson Chirinos homered for the second straight day, a two-run drive that boosted the lead to 4-0 in the fourth.

Fans started leaving in the seventh, when the Astros sent 10 batters to the plate and battered the bullpen. Bregman, who began the night in a 1-for-13 Series slide, had the big blow, driving a low, inside fastball from Fernando Rodney into the left field stands of the ballpark where he was the All-Star Game MVP in 2018.

Bregman held his bat high as he slowly walked out of the batter's box, then took 28 seconds to savor circling the bases.

Orange-clad Houston fans in the right field upper deck chanted "Let's go Astros!" as Nationals fans were silenced. Wild-card Washington lost consecutive games for the first time since Sept. 13-14 against Atlanta.

"I think tonight was really the first time we really did



what the Houston Astros offense can do," outfielder Josh Reddick said.

Starting pitchers were the talk of the Series coming in, with Washington's Stephen Strasburg, Scherzer and Corbin combining for 12 All-Star picks and three Cy Young Awards. The baseball cards of Houston's Cole, Justin Verlander and Zack Greinke sparkle with 17 All-Star selections,

two Cy Youngs and one MVP.

But there were just five 1-2-3 innings by starters in the first three games, and the

most consecutive outs were turned in by Nationals veteran Aníbal Sánchez, who retired seven straight in Game 3.

Urquidy, who rebounded from Tommy John surgery in 2016, exceeded them all.

"Maybe he doesn't have the Max Scherzer, Gerrit Cole name, but he's got good stuff," Washington leadoff man Trea Turner

Urquidy wasn't even announced as Houston's starter until after Game 3, with manager AJ Hinch hoping to piece together innings any way he could.

The 24-year-old right-hand-

er began the season at Double-A Corpus Christi, then was bumped up to Triple-A Round Rock in mid-May and made his major league debut in July. It wasn't all success: Urquidy was pounded for 11 runs and 14 hits at El Paso on Aug. 7.

"I think I was a little crazy, a little ruined from the heat," he said.

He faced the Nationals in just his 12th big league ap-

Houston Astros starting pitcher Jose Urquidy throws during the first inning of Game 4 of the World Series against the Washington Nationals Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, in Washington.

pearance, joining Fernando Valenzuela (1981) and Jaime García (2011) as the only Mexican starting pitchers in Series history—and Valenzuela as the only ones to win. Urquidy's mother, Alma, was on hand.

"My mom is someone that I talk to a lot and obviously she helped me out this morning," Urquidy said. "We had coffee, just gave me some words of encouragement."

Urquidy allowed two hits in five scoreless innings, striking out four and walking none.

"From the very beginning I thought he was calm, I thought he was in control of his stuff," Hinch said. "His fastball had a little extra life to it. It's had good life this postseason. And then he just came up with big pitch after big pitch."

Mixing four-seam fastballs in the mid-90 mph range with two-seamers, sliders, curves and changeups, Urquidy set down the Nationals in order in the second, fourth and fifth, retiring his final nine batters. He threw 30 of his first 38 pitches for strikes, 45 of 67 overall.

"He flipped his percentages," Washington's Adam Eaton said. "He threw me three sliders my first at-bat—and he throws it like 10% of the time. So I was just like, going back, scratching my noggin."

Josh James, Will Harris, Héctor Rondón, Brad Peacock and Chris Devenski combined for two-hit relief to close it out for Houston.

Washington's best chance to get back into the game came in the sixth, when Harris relieved with two on and one out and Houston ahead 4-0. Anthony Rendon singled off the pitcher's leg, loading the bases, and Juan Soto drove in a run with a groundout. Harris then struck out Howie Kendrick.

After going 7 for 21 with runners in scoring position during the first two games, the Nationals are 1 for 19 in the last two.

Houston flipped for the positive, going 9 for 23 with RISP after starting 3 for 17 in the two losses. The Astros burst ahead with timely hitting for the second straight night, getting consecutive one-out singles by José Altuve, Michael Brantley, Bregman and Gurriel.

Brantley had three hits, raising his Series average to .471 (8 for 17). Bregman also finished with three hits.

Nats manager explains holding back top relievers in Game 4

WASHINGTON—He's pressed the right buttons all month, but Washington Nationals manager Dave Martinez finally saw his dam break in Game 4 of the World Series.

The Houston Astros scored four runs against three Washington relievers in the seventh inning, turning a manageable 4-1 game into an 8-1 runaway that evened the Fall Classic at two games apiece.

After the Nationals plated a run in the bottom of the sixth, Martinez went to Tanner Rainey, rather than either of his top two relievers —Sean Doolittle and Daniel Hudson—who hadn't pitched since Game 1 on Tuesday.

Rainey walked the first two batters he faced before getting Jose Altuve to fly out.

"Rainey has been our guy in the seventh inning," Martinez said. "It just happens he couldn't throw strikes tonight."

With two on and one out,

Martinez called on 42-yearold righty Fernando Rodney to face the left-handed Michael Brantley—rather than potentially go lefty-lefty with Doolittle in the key spot a Brantley would single to load the bases.

"He's been pitching good," Martinez said of Rodney. "He made a really good pitch to a really good hitter, hit the ball at the end of the bat, got a base hit."

The next batter, Alex Bregman, drove Rodney's second pitch 392 feet inside the left-field foul pole for a grand slam.

Just like that, the game was out of reach.

Rodney remained in the game and loaded the bases with three walks, only managing to get one out. Martinez then went to Wander Suero, who struck out Kyle Tucker to prevent the contest from becoming a complete laugher.

Martinez acknowledged it would "definitely would have

been different" if the Nationals had closed the gap further, rather than scoring just the one run after loading the bases with one out.

"You're down still three runs," Martinez said.

"For me, you don't chase wins."

Even though Doolittle and Hudson were fresh, Martinez wasn't going to use them in the three-run hole and was saving them for Game 5 and beyond.

"Come tomorrow we're up 2-0, and all of a sudden we're in the 7th inning – you have to use Hudson for two innings, you have to use Doolittle for two innings.

"You want those guys ready to pitch. I know we got a day off (Monday). All this was talked about before the game."

Gone cold

The Washington Nationals offense has suddenly gone cold at the most inopportune time. After scoring 17 runs in the first two games of the World Series, the Nationals have only been able to score two runs in their last two losses to the Houston Astros in Games 3 and 4 at Nationals Park.

The Nationals have combined to go 1-for-19 with runners in scoring position in those games—0-for-10 in Game 3 and 1-for-9 in Game 4.

That's a far cry from the .355 mark with runners in scoring position they posted during their eight-game post-season winning streak.

"I don't think we're swinging the bats poorly," said Nationals right fielder Adam Eaton, who went 0-for-3 in the 8-1 loss on Saturday. "With runners in scoring position, yes, but when they make their pitches—I don't care who you are—97 on the black on each side and two other pitches they're throwing, it's going to be difficult."

Suns hand Clippers early season loss

PHOENIX (AP)—
It had been a downright depressing 24-hour stretch for the Phoenix Suns, who found out their starting center was

suspended for 25 games and then immediately lost to the Denver Nuggets by one point in overtime.

The next night, with every reason to pout, the Suns didn't do it.

Instead, they came out and beat one of the NBA's preseason championship favorites.

Devin Booker scored 30 points, Kelly Oubre Jr. added 20 and the Suns beat the Los Angeles Clippers 130-122 on Saturday for their first win in the series in more than three years.

"It feels amazing," Oubre said. "Everybody chipped in. We fought through adversity once again, we're finding who we are and we're continuing to grow. That's the most beautiful thing about it."

Phoenix (2-1) snapped a 12game losing streak to the Clippers and won for the first time since losing starting center Deandre Ayton to a 25-game suspension after he tested positive for a diuretic.

The Suns had a 15-point lead midway through the fourth quarter before Los Angeles' Lou Williams made things interesting with back-to-back 3-pointers. The Clippers pulled within six on Kawhi Leonard's 3-pointer with less than two minutes left, but the Suns' Tyler Johnson responded with his own 3-pointer to stop the rally.

The teams were tied at 55 at halftime and the Suns pushed to a 91-85 lead after three quarters largely thanks to the unlikely duo of Frank Kaminsky III and Jevon Carter, who combined for 17 points during the rally.

Carter started in the absence of Ricky Rubio, who missed the game because of a knee injury suffered on Friday against Denver. The second-year profinished with eight points and six assists in 33 minutes.

Kaminsky had 18 points, eight rebounds and six assists. The Suns have won two of the season's first three games for the first time since 2015.

Los Angeles (2-1) was led by Montrezl Harrell's 28 points. Leonard added 27 points, eight rebounds and 10 assists.

Heat 131, Bucks 126 OT

In Milwaukee, Goran Dragic scored 25 points off the bench, Bam Adebayo added 19 points and the Miami Heat rallied from a 21-point third-quarter deficit to beat Giannis Antetokounmpo and the in overtime.



Westbrook passes Magic on triple-double list

With 28 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds in a 126-123 win over the New Orleans Pelicans on Saturday, Russell Westbrook carved out yet another piece of triple-double history.

The Houston Rockets point guard posted his 139th career triple-double against the Pelicans, moving him past Magic Johnson into sole possession of second place on the NBA's all-time triple-double list. Only Oscar Robertson, the patron saint of triple-doubles, lies ahead.

Westbrook and James Harden combined for nearly half of the Rockets' 126 points with 57, continuing a trend for the Rockets that figures to define their season. Less good

Antetokounmpo finished with 29 points, 17 rebounds and nine assists, but last season's MVP also had eight turnovers and fouled out with 2:31 to play in overtime. Antetokounmpo also fouled out Thursday night in Houston.

After trailing 74-53 with less than 11:00 to play in the third quarter, the Heat outscored Milwaukee 78-52 the rest of the way, including 49-33 in the fourth quarter and overtime.

With the Heat up 121-119 with 3 seconds to play in regulation, Khris Middleton, who finished with 25 points, shot an air ball and Antetokounmpo tipped it in at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Adebayo sank four free throws in the extra period and Dragic scored six points in for the team is the pair combined to go 17-of-46 from the field and 3-of-21 from 3-point range (16 of those deep misses belonged to Harden).

The obvious question now is if Westbrook will eventually reach Oscar Robertson. The answer to that could be a legitimate toss-up.

On the pro side for Westbrook capturing the record, there's the fact that not even Robertson can match the pace Westbrook has been on since Kevin Durant left the Oklahoma City Thunder in 2016. Westbrook has already broken Robertson's records for most triple-doubles in a season with 42, most consecutive triple-

overtime to lift Miami to its second win.

76ers 117, Pistons 111

In Detroit, Tobias Harris scored 29 points against his former team in Philadelphia's victory over the Pistons.

Al Horford added 23 points and Ben Simmons had 13 points and 10 assists to help the 76ers improve to 2-0. Philadelphia had 30 assists to Detroit's 19.

Derrick Rose led Detroit with 31 points in 27 minutes, but the Pistons missed 15 free throws in a game that was close until the closing moments. Andre Drummond had 11 points and 11 rebounds in Detroit's second straight loss.

Hawks 103, Magic 99

In Atlanta, Trae Young scored

doubles with 10 and most seasons averaging a triple-double with three straight.

If Westbrook continues his pace of 33.7 triple-doubles over the past three seasons, he should be on track to catch Robertson by the end of next season.

However, time is not exactly on Westbrook's side, even with that pace. For starters, Westbrook is less than a month from turning 31 years old and is known for a physical style of play, so you never know when a drop-off might happen.

Westbrook also has a disadvantage in the race because of his new team's pace of play. The point guard moved from a team that was sixth in

39 points, including Atlanta's last eight, in a win over Orlando.

Young took over the game for Atlanta after Orlando led 96-95. His baseline reverse layup gave the Hawk the lead. Following a tying free throw by Aaron Gordon, Young's layup again gave the lead back to the Hawks.

Jabari Parker and Kevin Huerter each had 10 points for Atlanta.

Evan Fournier paced Orlando with 23 points. D.J. Augustin had 14 and Markelle Fultz finished with 12 points.

Celtics 118, Knicks 95

In New York, Kemba Walker scored a season-high 32 points, snapping out of an early season shooting slump with seven 3-pointers, and Boston

the NBA in pace last season to No. 27. Of course, Westbrook had a hand in setting that pace and could do the same with the Rockets, so that's yet another repercussion of the Harden vs. Westbrook debate for who should control the steering wheel on offense.

Essentially, it all boils down to whether or not Russell Westbrook will remain the Russell Westbrook we know and love and sometimes criticize for inefficiency and off-ball malaise now that he's in Houston. Given that he was just three assists shy of a triple-double in the Rockets' other game, the results are encouraging so far.

kept the Knicks winless.

Jaylen Brown added 19 points for the Celtics, who won their second straight after beating NBA champion Toronto on Friday. Jayson Tatum had 15 points and nine rebounds, and 7-foot-5 rookie Tacko Fall scored four points on a pair of dunks in his NBA debut.

Cavaliers 110, Pacers 99

In Cleveland, Tristan Thompson scored 25 points and made his first career 3-pointer, Kevin Love scored 21 and the Cavaliers played well in a home-opening win, giving first-year coach John Beilein his first NBA victory.

Love added 13 rebounds and nine assists. Thompson also had 13 rebounds, Collin

Phoenix Suns guard Devin Booker (1) shoots over LA Clippers center Ivica Zubac (40) during the second half of a basketball game Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019, in Phoenix. The Suns defeated the Clippers, 130-122.

Sexton scored 18 and rookie Darius Garland 12, making a key 3-pointer down the stretch to slow Indiana's comeback.

Raptors 108, Bulls 84

In Chicago, Pascal Siakam scored 19 points, OG Anunoby added 17 and Toronto spoiled Chicago's home opener.

The defending NBA champions went on a run in the second quarter to take a 48-40 halftime lead and pulled away for their 10th straight win over the cold-shooting Bulls.

Anunoby hit three 3-pointers, and Serge Ibaka added 18 points and seven rebounds. Fred VanVleet scored 16 as the Raptors shook off a loss Friday in Boston.

Rockets 126, Pelicans 123

In Houston, James Harden scored 29 points, Russell Westbrook added his second straight triple-double with 28 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds and Houston sent New Orleans to its first 0-3 start since the 2016-27 season.

Westbrook hit two clutch free throws to give Houston the three-point lead with 6.1 seconds remaining. Josh Hart missed a 3 at the buzzer to give Houston the win.

Spurs 124, Wizards 122

In San Antonio, DeMar DeRozan scored 26 points, including the game-winning basket in heavy traffic in the final seconds, and San Antonio beat Washington.

Davis Bertans, traded from San Antonio to Washington in the offseason, made all five of his 3-point attempts and scored 23 points against his former team.

The Spurs recorded their 20th straight home victory over Washington with some late heroics.

Aldridge led the Spurs with 27 points.

Jazz 113, Kings 81

In Salt Lake City, Bojan Bogdanovic hit five 3-pointers and scored 26 points, powering Utah past Sacramento.

Donovan Mitchell added 15 points, while Mike Conley chipped in 12 points and eight assists. Georges Niang added 12 points off the bench. Utah shot 48.6% from 3-point range.

Woods widens lead at Zozo Championship

INZAI CITY, Japan (AP) — Tiger Woods left the field building a commanding three-stroke lead over Hideki Matsuyama after the third round at the Zozo Championship on Sunday.

Woods teed off with a two-shot advantage and after teasing his chasers with an opening three-putt bogey, he surged clear with six birdies, before stumbling with a late bogey after chunking his third shot at the par-five 14th.

He shot four-under-par 66, though a three-put par at the par-five 18th left him clearly frustrated.

In his first event since undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery two months ago, Woods posted a 16-under 194 total with one round left at Narashino Country Club.

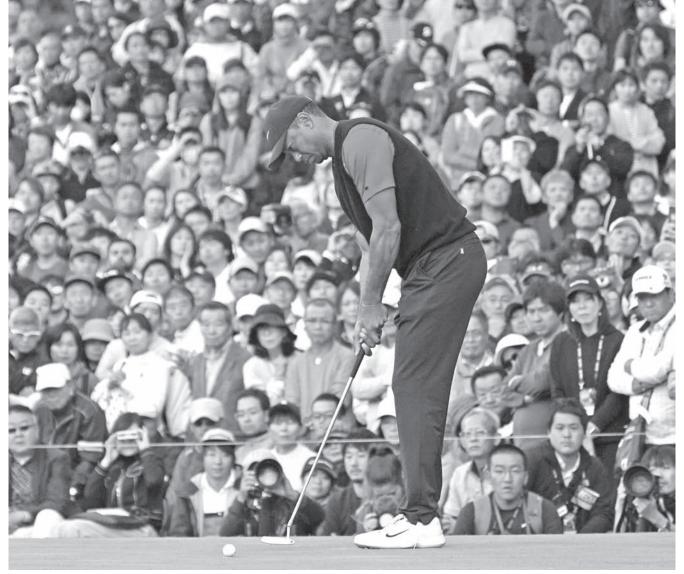
Local favorite Matsuyama, making a rare appearance in his homeland, birdied the final hole to grab second spot on 13-under, while American Gary Woodland (68) was third on 12-under.

Playing in front of a sellout crowd after Saturday's second round was completed behind closed doors sans spectators due to some muddy conditions that were deemed unsafe, leader Woods put on a clinic for most of the round.

A win by Woods would be his 82nd on the PGA Tour, matching Sam Snead's record.

And it would leave the 43-year-old highly likely to pass Snead sooner rather than later. Snead was 52 when he recorded his final victory.

Wood has led after each round, as he shook off the rust in his opening round, which



was his first PGA Tour round in two months after he had a minor procedure on his knee.

"I didn't start off very good this week, bogeyed my first three holes, but after that it's been pretty good," Woods said. "Today's been a long day in the saddle and early wakeup call tomorrow morning and get back after it again."

"I'm going to try to win,

there's no doubt about it," Woods said. "I've got to do what I need to do. I have a job to do

The final round resumed almost immediately on what was

tomorrow."

going to be a marathon day for the field after the 6.30 a.m. local time start.

The marathon was a result

of Friday's washout. Some players should complete 72

> holes by time darkness falls at 5 p.m. (0800 GMT), but the leaders seem destined to return on Monday morning.

That should be but CHAMPIONSHIP a minor imposition for Woods, what with his private jet and all.

Matsuyama stayed in con-

tention with a 65 that featured six birdies against a lone bogey.

Rory McIlroy, the highestranked player in the field, fired a 63 that included an eagle on the par-5 18th hole, six birdies and a lone bogey, and was in seventh place.

Meanwhile, When the Olympics head to Tokyo next summer, McIlroy plans to be there, too.

Tiger Woods of the United States attempts a putt on the 9th green during the third round of the Zozo Championship PGA Tour at the Accordia Golf Narashino country club in Inzai, east of Tokyo, Japan, Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019.

"I'm excited to play the Olympics and call myself an Olympian," McIlroy said. "Coming to such a golf-crazy country like Japan helps. It's a really good atmosphere and just being here this week and seeing the enthusiasm of the fans makes me look forward to coming back next year and playing the Olympics."

McIlroy pulled out of the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro-which hosted the sport for the first time in over 100 years due to both fears over the Zika virus in Brazil and not knowing which country he should be representing. McIlroy, who is from Northern Ireland, could have either represented Ireland or Great Britain at the Olympics.

The decision, he said, put him in a terrible place.

"Who am I? Where am I from? Where do my loyalties lie? Who am I going to play for? Who do I not want to [upset] the most?" McIlroy said in 2017. "I started to resent it, and I do. I resent the Olympic Games because of the position it put me in. That's my feelings toward it, and whether that's right or wrong, that's how I feel."

The 30-year-old still has until next summer to officially qualify for the 2020 Olympics, which officially kick off on July 24.

Brees expected to start vs Cardinals

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NEW OR-LEANS—One of the NFC's best teams is getting stronger.

Drew Brees is expected to start Week 8 for the New Orleans Saints against the Arizona Cardinals, according to ESPN. The quarterback will make his return from a thumb injury a bit earlier than his original prognosis. Brees required surgery for a torn ligament in his throwing hand following a Week 2 loss to the Rams.

It's move that's certainly going to have a some questioning the timing, but no one in Louisiana will complain about having one of the best passers in football history back on the field.

The Saints' loss in Los Angeles has been their only defeat this season. In Brees' absence, backup Teddy Bridgewater went 5-0 with nearly 1,400 yards passing and nine touchdowns against just two interceptions. It's not like the Saints had many easy games during that stretch, either. Bridgewater pulled off victories against Dallas, Chicago and Seattle while leading New Orleans to the top of the NFC South.

Which is why the decision to bring back Brees now will turn some heads.

Arizona has one of the worst defenses against the pass in the league, giving up an average of 264 yards per game through the air to go with 17 touchdowns. Bridgewater should be able to handle that comfortably after what he did against the Bears. That's only relevant in this scenario because New Orleans will have a bye in Week 9 before back-to-back division matchups against Atlanta and Tampa Bay. Rather than give their franchise quarterback two extra weeks to rest and work with the offense in practice, head coach Sean Payton is putting him on the field.

Brees is a future Hall of Famer and unquestionably the best quarterback in the division. As much as it may be

confusing, you don't have to dig too deep to figure out why he's getting the start.

Chiefs rule out **Mahomes**

The Kansas City Chiefs have ruled quarterback Patrick Mahomes out for Sunday night's showdown against the Green Bay Packers because of his dislocated right kneecap.

Mahomes, who hurt his knee last Thursday night in Denver, was a limited participant in practice all week. The Chiefs decided to give the reigning league MVP at least one game off as he recovers from an injury that can sometimes sideline a player for several months.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid said after Friday's walk-through that Matt Moore would start against Green Bay. Rookie quarterback Kyle Shurmur will serve as the backup.

In all, the Chiefs have ruled out six players for a showdown between division leaders.

Defensive end Frank Clark is out with a neck injury, cornerback Kendall Fuller with a broken thumb, left tackle Eric Fisher and defensive tackle Chris Jones with groin injuries and left guard Andrew Wylie with a sprained ankle.

Ryan streak ends

A tough matchup for the Falcons in Week 8 just became a bit more challenging.

Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan has been officially ruled out for Sunday's matchup with Seattle after suffering an ankle injury last week against the Los Angeles Rams.

The injury ends one of the more remarkable streaks in the league as Ryan will miss a start for the first time since 2009. Ryan's 181 consecutive starts ranks fifth all-time in NFL history with a group of Hall of Famers ahead of him — Brett Favre, Philip Rivers, Eli Manning and Peyton Manning.

Rivers' active streak of 226

consecutive starts is still nearly 100 games away from topping Favre's 321.

At 1-6, the Falcons were already in big trouble this season and that was with Ryan playing particularly well. The 34-yearold has completed 70.9 percent of his passes through seven games, five points higher than his career average—though a few of those misses have resulted in his eight interceptions, which is already more than he threw all last season.

In any case, Ryan was still finding the end zone with ease, leading the league alongside Mahomes with 15 touchdowns passes.

Backup Matt Schaub, 38, will take Ryan's place on Sunday and make his first start since 2015 when he went 1-1 with the Baltimore Ravens. The former longtime Houston Texans quarterback went 6-for-6 with one touchdown and 65 yards after he replaced Ryan last week but couldn't

stop the Falcons from getting rolled by the Rams.

What's already a lost season has the potential to get much worse depending on the severity of Ryan's injury. Following Sunday's meeting with Seattle, Atlanta will face a Saints team featuring a returning Brees to begin a stretch of five games against NFC South rivals. Thankfully, the Falcons have a bye in Week 9 to regroup before tackling the next phase of the schedule.

Meanwhile, the Kelechi Osemele is no longer with the Jets. But his injury dispute with the team is not over.

The Jets announced Saturday that they released Osemele, a day after he had surgery on his right shoulder that the team did not authorize.

The dispute emerged eight days ago. Osemele said his shoulder injury was too severe to play through. The Jets, according to a source, believed that Osemele's injury was pre-existing and he could have waited to have surgery until after the season.

'Crank' loses fight in Singapore

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho yielded to Beneil "Benny" Dariush's effective

ground fighting skills during their lightweight bout in the UFC Fight Night 162 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium in Kallang, Singapore last Saturday.

Dariush forced Camacho to submission off a rear-naked choke at the 2:02 mark of the

The Game after scoring 36

points. He also drew enough

help from Prince Factor, who

made up from his absence in

their 71-72 sorry loss to MS

Villagomez last week, by con-

tributing 20 points in their vic-

Viray caught fire early after

drilling 15 points in the first quarter to hand Caravan's a

21-12 lead. He was then held

to two field goals in the second period, but Factor, Alex

Standish, Ponce Rasa, and Syd Quan were there to keep Cara-

The Game moved within four

at the break after knocking in three triples against none from

Caravan's and spreading the

wealth, as eight players made it

However, after making

some headway in the second

period, The Game's offense

took a hit in the third, as only

to the board for the former.

tory over The Game.

van's on top, 38-34.

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opening round for his 17th win in 22 fights. It was Dariush's eighth victory via sub-

> mission—his weapon of choice—as the California-based warrior owns only three wins

via KO and six off decisions.

Camacho, on the other hand, absorbed his eighth loss and second only via submission. The Marianas pride's other defeat via submission was in 2017 against Korean Gun Hwan Park in Trench Tech's Rites of Passage: Throw-

In contrast, five players made field goals for Caravan's with Viray regaining his form and recording 12 points. Rasa, Standish, and Quan combined for 10 more points for Caravan's while Factor buried a triple, as they brought their going into the final canto.

After being held to 5 points tor save the best for last, as he delivered 15 in the fourth quarter—9 of them came from the 3-point area—to boost

Caravan's 87—Viray 36, Factor 20, Standish 12, Rasa 8, Quad 7, Maratita 4.

The Game 74—Fidelino 28, Mintac 16, Sablan 7, Santos 6, Parulan 6, Javier 4, Sanguyo 3, Bernardo 2, Del Rosario 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-

June Fidelino and Mark Mintac scored for the squad.

lead back to twin digits, 61-49,

in the first three periods, Fac-Caravan's semis chances.

12, 38-34, 63-49 87-74.

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They have the momentum and of course, the home crowd advantage. Actually, all teams are tough for us (including Brunei) because we are the lowest-ranked squad in the group," the Teen Ayuyus head coach added.

Mita also said that the players their opponents will be fielding in the qualifier are being groomed to suit up for respective men's national teams, so the CNMI Boys U19 National Team members have to brace themselves for a very high-level competition.

Despite the prospects of facing intimidating opponents, Mita believed that the Teen Ayuyus have enough motivation for next month's tournament.

"To prove our development is the biggest team's motivation. We have a limited football environment and limited resources, but we have a wonderful youth program. Our football leaders continue to working hard to develop our youth," Mita said.

"Players grow under our

youth program and play in international and high-level competitions. They show their pride and fight against giant teams until the end of every game," the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director added.

Mita and majority members of the team will leave for Cambodia tomorrow. The CNMI's 23-player roster is made up of Thaiphi Austria, Razeff Altamirano, Taka Borja, Joshua De Leon, Eunsyu Hahn, Joshua Mendez, Skyler Poon, Jason Quimson, John Michael Rojas, Kirt Andon, Joshua Waldo, Merrick Toves, Brian Lubao, Daniel Mar Pablo, Kohtaro Goto, Oliver Fajardo, and Reginald Pascual. Rounding out the squad are captain Sunjoon Tenorio, Dai Podziewski, Joshua Abragan, who will fly straight to Cambodia from the U.S. mainland.

Completing the CNMI delegation to the AFC event are assistant coach Jersh Angeles, goalkeeper coach Jimmy Tang, team manager Ruselle Zapanta, technical analyst Liz Phan, and physiotherapists Hazel Leoncio and Pam Carhill.

down. Camacho, who holds 22 career wins, now has a 2-4 record in UFC, as he failed to make a follow-up on his TKO victory over Germany's Nick Hein (UFC Fight Night 153 in Sweden last June 1).

Before bringing Camacho down to the canvas, Dariush managed to connect on some kicks to Camacho's body and knees in the opening part of the five-minute Round 1. The Iran-born fighter then tried to clinch Camacho, but the latter eluded the attempt.

However, the 30-year-old Dariush continued to punish Camacho with his high kicks

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The 2nd DFS Ride For Her that was held in observance of Breast

Cancer Awareness Month drew more than 80 bikers who cruised along Beach Road and headed south in San Antonio in colorful pink shirts.

Over 100 signed up for the event and 89 joined last Saturday's bike ride from the DFS south entrance in Garapan to the Pacific Islands Club Saipan and back.

According to DFS Saipan general manager Billy Cheung, the event turned out much better than expected since it was able to carry out the message about breast cancer awareness with nearly all the riders wearing pink.

"All of us were wearing pink and I think the people in town saw us cycling along the road so I am very happy. The turnout has been great, and we thank the community for their support," he said.

"Our entire team is happy to be spreading the word in our community and raise awareness throughout the month. I think all the money raised will be put into good use in raising awareness," Cheung said.

Funds raised from the event will go to Commonwealth Cancer Association to help



and mixed it up with some jabs before going for another takedown. Camacho, again, managed to get out of trouble, but not on Dariush's third try. With Dariush having Camacho's back, he squeezed out the choke and the Marianas bet was forced to tap out.

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, deflects a kick from Beneil "Benny" Dariush during their lightweight bout in the UFC Fight Night 162 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium in Kallang, Singapore last Saturday.



Bikers head out to the course during last Saturday's Ride for Her.

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with its ongoing programs.

When asked about his experience as a participant of the event, Cheung said he enjoyed the ride and encouraged others to participate in the coming years.

"We have the best view for cycling, and I myself enjoyed it greatly. It was a relaxing event and for a good cause. I think it's very important to support this cause because not a lot of people in the community know about this. I think it's not only to raise awareness about prevention, but also provide support for people who are going through the disease. This is something that lets them know we are aware and we are supporting them together, as a community. We give them our full support for being so brave and going through such a difficult time, we are all behind them," Cheung said.

CCA executive director Juan L. Babauta, meanwhile, said the organization is thankful for the amount of help they are receiving from DFS every year through its many programs and events like Ride For Her.

"CCA is a charitable organization in the CNMI and we provide services for people who have been diagnosed and have come back from treatment off island. Funds raised will go to CCA and we thank DFS for raising funds and

other organizations that have pledged to help CCA for the past 15 years. We've been very blessed," he said.

Babauta explained the event was held in line with the Breast Cancer Awareness Month because according to their records, it is the No. 1 diagnosed cancer in the CNMI and the word about early prevention and early detection needs to be spread.

"Cancer is a terrible disease and it's all around us and the best we can do is raise awareness about early prevention and early detection because it saves lives. We just want to help out and we're very proud to partner with DFS Saipan," Babauta said.

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their favored foe in Game 1 of the finals. The Black Panther prevailed in the first set, 25-16, but the Ol'Aces did not back down and took the second, 25-20. The Ol'Aces then completed the comeback and ended the Black Panther's steak with a 15-9 win in the deciding third set.

After the visibly tired Ol'Aces forced Game 2, the Black Panther capitalized on its winded opponent to take an early 8-1 lead in the first set. The Ol'Aces then rallied and even



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Black Panther players pose with their trophy and medals after surviving the Ol'Aces in the finale of the 2019 Avengers Volleyball League last Friday at Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

grabbed the lead 13-11, but the Black Panther showed poise in the end to win the opening set by 10 points with Jericho Castro closing out off a spike.

For the second set, the Black Panther also built an early lead, 15-7, and this time was never threatened, while Castro also wrapped up the game and the championship round, as the Ol'Aces failed to receive his serve.

Joining Castro on the champion squad are Jeff Riman, Riel Paynor, Jensky Rikrik, Bryan Chlarson, PJ Sandoval, Charlie A. Borja, and Cecile Guevarra.



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Black Panther survives Ol'Aces





the sweep with a 25-14 victory in the second to finally bring down the Ol'Aces, who fought their way out of the losers bracket to challenge the former for the title, but gave up to exhaustion Before battling the Black Panther, the

Ol'Aces dueled the The As' Guardians for the second and last finals ticket. The Ol'Aces took the first set, 25-12, and then earned the rights to face the Black Panther after laboring through a 25-18 triumph in the second. In the finals, the Black Panther enjoyed a twice-to-beat advantage,

The Black Panther's Jeff Riman, goes up for a

spike during their semis game against The As'

Guardians in the Avengers Volleyball League last

Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Black Panther won and also defeated the

Ol'Aces in the finals last Friday.

as it was undefeated entering the title showdown. The Ol'Aces then threatened to pull the rug under the unbeaten Black Panther after stunning

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Caravan's boosts playoff bid



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Caravan's

Caravan's Ken Viray, left, gets the offensive rebound during an earlier game against AK Toyota in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Virav scored 36 points in their 87-74 victory over The Game last Thursday.

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Teen Ayuyus brace for last and toughest tourney toughest team in the group.



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The Asian Football Confederation U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers will be the CNMI's last for the year and also the toughest, as the Commonwealth bets will be up against three highcaliber teams.

"This will be the most challenging tournament for us this year," said Michiteru Mita, head coach of the CNMI Boys U19 National Team that will be facing host Cambodia. Thailand, and Vietnam in the Group G qualifying tournament, which will run from

The Black Panther was

able to prevail after the

long, arduous two games

in the finale, taking ad-

vantage of the worn-

out Ol'Aces in Game 2. The Black

Panther eased its way to a 25-15 win

According to Mita, Thai-

higher than Cambodia, but Football Federation U18/U19 the host country defeated land and Vietnam are ranked both squads in the ASEAN

Tournament last summer. "Cambodia will be the

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moved closer to the semifinals of the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas Inter-

national Basketball League after beating The Game, 87-74, in the curtain-raiser last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Caravan's improved to a 5-3 records to keep the No. 3 spot in the team standings behind the undefeated Saipan Vegas (8-0) and IT&E (7-1). Only the Top 4 teams will advance to the semis after the roundrobin regular season and Caravan's has on more game (versus Mystique BBQ) left in the elimination.

A victory in its final game will official bring Caravan's to the playoff round, leaving MS Villagomez (4-2) and Bridge Capital (4-3) the likely teams to battle for the fourth and last semis seat. The Game is out of contention after falling to a 2-5 record and dropping its fifth consecutive match.

Ken Viray powered Caravan's to the 11-point win over

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Nov. 2 to 10 at the National The CNMI Boys U19 National Team players and officials are joined in the group photo by Northern Mariana Islands Football Association Olympic Stadium in Phnom officers during a send-off ceremony for the squad last Thursday at Kanoa Resort.